

WFP hosts 500 students for 2017 Montessori Model UN Closing Ceremony

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Montessori Model United Nations Closing Ceremony was held in HQ auditorium



On Friday 28, April 2017, WFP hosted the closing ceremony of the 2017 [Montessori Model United Nations \(https://montessori-mun.org/conference/mmun-rome-middle-school-conference/\)](https://montessori-mun.org/conference/mmun-rome-middle-school-conference/) .

The event brought over 500 students to Headquarters aged between 9-15 from upper elementary and middle schools in 18 countries: Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Egypt, Italy, Japan, Nigeria, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Before the ceremony, the students deliberated for two days about global issues such as agricultural development, food security, nutrition, gender, rights of children, peacekeeping and international terrorism; while modelling the rules and procedures of the United Nations governing bodies.

At the closing ceremony, they presented their resolutions on the different topics, which were all approved by consensus (the resolutions will be made available at [https://montessori-mun.org/ \(https://montessori-mun.org/\)](https://montessori-mun.org/)).

The students shared their excitement to continue engaging in the causes they discussed by raising awareness in their schools, communities and social networks. The event also sparked support for WFP

activities, many of which were not previously known to the participants.

Ms. Harriet Spanos, Secretary to the WFP Executive Board addressed the students and presented an overview on governance in WFP. She shared inspiring remarks about the challenges and rewards of humanitarian work with the United Nations.



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