UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION
IN THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
OF SRI LANKA

THE WAY FORWARD - 2022

SCHOOLS STUDY CIRCLE PROGRAM:
• School Seminars
  Seminars/Webinar for School Teachers and Students
• Lectures/Presentations conducted by members of the Association/Representatives of the UNDP/UNIC for the general public especially at the grassroots level.
• Debating Competitions among School Children on specific topics FOR and AGAINST
• Essay Writing Contest on UN, Global, Current and Health, issues for students of the UNASL Study Circle
• Speech Contest
  Inter School Oratorical Contest to improve Students Speaking ability and from which the Best Speaker is selected and given the opportunity to deliver the Key Note Address at the United Nations Day - National Observance.
• General Knowledge Contest on UN, Global and Non Communicable Deceases for students of the UNASL Study Circle
• Most Outstanding Teacher-in-Charge of the UNASL Study Circle

❖ Tree Planting Campaign & Protection of the Environment:
  A committee to be set up for the implementation of the Tree Planting Programme and Protection of the Environment. This will initially be implemented in selected schools in the UNASL Study Circle and later extended as per the progress.
  Distribution of 1000 Fruit Plants to 50 Selected Schools, monitor and award Prizes for the best Five Schools

❖ Training the Teacher’s in-Charge of Study Circles
  A full day’s programme conducted for teachers with the participation of the UNIC as well as members of the UNASL, including providing refreshment and lunch.

GENERAL PUBLIC:
Public Lectures by Eminent Personalities on the UN, International & Current Affairs, Constitution (20th Amendment), etc.
  Under this programme diplomats, eminent citizens and general public could be invited for these lectures conducted by professionals in the respective fields.

Multi-Service Projects
  Conducting Screening programmes to identify those with visual defects, including cataract and conduct Cataract Surgeries at the Gift of Sight Hospital in Panadura. This will be combined with Diabetes Screening, since Diabetes is known as “The Silent Killer” and checking of Body Mass Index, as well as Blood Pressure.
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:
It is proposed to enroll New Members through a Membership Drive with stringent screening to ensure that only quality and active members with the desire to serve are enrolled. Through this exercise, the UNA-SRI LANKA will focus on carrying out more meaningful projects and services.

COMPUTER TRAINING CENTER:
Improvement of the Computer Training Center which is currently equipped with 12 Computers in order to provide Certificate Training Programs at very concessionary rates to deserving school leavers and adults in order to enhance computer literacy.

PUBLICATIONS:
- **Members Newsletter (English)** - 2 Issues Annually for circulation among the membership, Diplomatic Missions, Ministries, Government and Semi-Government Departments, Corporations, Institutions, NGO’s, etc. (This newsletter is being printed in colour and we need to find sponsors)
- **Sinhala Newsletter** – 2 Issues Annually mainly for Schools in our Study Circle. Schools are requesting for Additional copies to be given to the Students, even on a payment. (Sponsors to be found)

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS:
The 17 Sustainable Development Goals - 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development encompasses 169 Targets covering the People, Planet, Prosperity, Partnership and Peace. They are build on the Millennium Development Goals and envisaged to complete what these did not achieve as well.

It seeks to realize the human rights of all and to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. They are integrated into the three dimensions of sustainable development: Economic, Social and Environmental.

UNA-SRI LANKA proposes to focus on the following, among other:

**Goal – 03** - **Ensure Healthy Lives and Promote Well-being for all, at all ages**
Seek to ensure health and well-being for all, at every stage of life. Addressing the major health priorities, including reproductive, maternal and child health, communicable, non-communicable and environmental diseases, universal health coverage and access for all to safe, effective, quality and affordable medicines and vaccines. Also strengthen the capacity for health risk reduction and management.

**Goal - 04** - **Ensure Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education and promote Lifelong Learning opportunities for all**
Emphasis on quality education which is the foundation to improving people’s lives which would result in the ability to understand and promote sustainable development. Increase access to education, especially for girls.

**Goal - 05** - **Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls**
Empowerment of women and seek to provide women and girls with equal access to education, health care, decent work and representation in political and economic decision-making processes. Gender equality should be regarded not only as a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world.
Goal - 06 - **Ensure Availability and Sustainable Management of Water and Sanitation for all**

Address the issues related to drinking water, sanitation and hygiene as well as the quality and sustainability of water resources, bearing in mind the fact that due to bad economic or poor infrastructure, every year millions of people around the globe, most of them children, die from diseases associated with inadequate water supply, sanitation and hygiene. Further, water scarcity, poor water quality and inadequate sanitation, negatively impact food security, livelihood choices and education opportunities for poor families across the world.

Goal - 13 - **Take Urgent Action to Combat Climate Change and its Impacts**

It should be noted that climate change presents the single biggest threat to development and its widespread, unprecedented impacts disproportionately burden the poorest and most vulnerable. Action needs to be taken to combat climate change and minimize its disruptions as an integral process, to ensure the implementation of sustainable development.

Goal - 16 - **Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, Provide access to; justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.**

Promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, the provision of access to justice for all and building effective, accountable institutions at all levels. Peace, Justice and effective, accountable and inclusive institutions are at the core of sustainable development. Several regions have enjoyed increased and sustained levels of peace and security in recent decades. But many countries still face protracted armed conflict and violence and far too many people struggle as a result of weak institutions and the lack of access to justice, information and other fundamental freedoms.

Goal - 17 - **Strengthen the means of Implementation and Revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.**

Provide awareness and emphasis on achieving the ambitious targets of the 2030 Agenda through revitalized and enhanced global partnership with governments, civil society, the private and public sector, the United Nations system and other actors through the mobilizations of available resources. These inclusive partnerships, built upon principals and values, a shared vision and shared goals that place people and the planet at the center, are needed at the global, regional, national and local levels.
The UN Observances
Organize programmes to commemorate the important UN declared dates such as the following, among others:

- **8th March**
  International Women's Day

- **21st March**
  World down Syndrome Day

- **7th April**
  World Health Day

- **28th April**
  World Day for Safety and Health at Work

- **5th June**
  World Environment Day

- **24th October**
  United Nations Day (UN Day National Observance)

- **14th November**
  World Diabetes Day

- **20th November**
  Universal Children’s Day

- **3rd December**
  International Day of Persons with Disabilities

- **10th December**
  Human Rights Day

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