



STUDENT COP
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"Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn."

~ *Benjamin Franklin*

“STUDENT COP” INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FORUM

Ulaanbaatar
MONGOLIA
2026



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COP17: Global Forum on Combating Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought

Why should we pay attention to desertification?

Global: According to the United Nations, around 12 million hectares of fertile land are lost to desertification every year equivalent to 23 hectares per minute. If this trend continues, by 2050, up to 90% of the world's drylands could be degraded to some extent.

Mongolia: 76.9% of the country's territory is affected by desertification and land degradation, with 23% classified as severely or very severely degraded.

Mongolia: Over the past 20 more years, more than 300 rivers and streams and nearly 1,000 lakes and ponds have dried up.

COP17:

Participants: 197 parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

Frequency: Held every two years; hosted by Mongolia in 2026.

Mongolia's context: About 77% of its land is degraded, making it one of the most affected countries by desertification

Forum Objective: To develop global solutions for land restoration, sustainable land management, and building resilience against desertification and drought.



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“STUDENT COP” International Students Forum

STUDENT COP: Bringing youth leadership to society against desertification through students

Students and youth against desertification!

Objectives:

- Engage students in global issues
- Develop anti-desertification initiatives through students
- Creating youth social partnerships
- Provide leadership to students
- Delivering youth voices to the 17th World Conference on Desertification

Activities:

- Get to know the situation of desertification on the ground
- Participating in anti-desertification events
- Participating in international student forum
- Make a call for proposals
- Create international student partnerships in your free time

Expected Outcomes:

- Increase meaningful participation and leadership of youth in addressing desertification and land degradation challenges in Mongolia, the region, and globally
- Empower young people to become not only participants, but also initiators, implementers, and influencers
- Provide on-site exposure to the real conditions and impacts of desertification
- Promote tree planting initiatives and introduce international efforts to combat desertification
- Facilitate international knowledge exchange and support the implementation of practical, evidence-based actions
- Contribute to strengthening future-oriented social leadership



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VISIT TO MONGOLIA
(July 27 – July 31)
PROGRAM
DAY 1. /2026.07.27/

Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, Capital city of Mongolia



Dinner at the restaurant



Stay at the University dormitory





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DAY 2. /2026.07.28/

**Breakfast
07:30 – 08:30**



**Lunch
14:00 – 14:30**



**Travel to Tuv and Dundgovi Province
09:00 – 13:00**



**Exploring Mongolia's Natural Beauty
16:00 – 18:30**



**Tree Planting
13:00 – 14:00**



**Rest at the Dormitory
22:00 – 23:00**





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DAY 3. /2026.07.29/

**Breakfast
07:00-09:00**



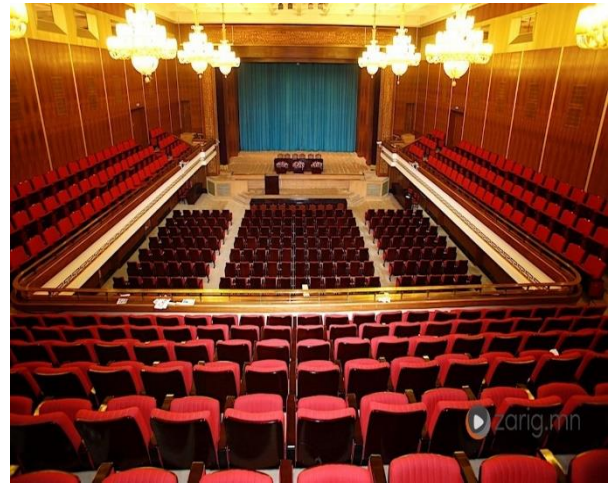
**Lunch at the restaurant
13:00-14:30**



**Conference
10:00-12:30**



**Closing ceremony
17:00-17:30**



Group Photo Session 12:30-13:00





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DAY 4. /2026.07.30/

Breakfast
07:00-09:00



Ride horse and camel and photography
13:00-14:00



Travel to the Chinggis Khan Statue Complex
09:00-12:00



Lunch 14:00-15:30 /
Free time 16:00-20:00



Exploring the Chinggis Khan
Statue Complex
12:00-13:00



Rest at the dormitory
21:00 – 22:00





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DAY 5. /2026.07.31/

Breakfast
07:30 – 09:00



Drop-off at International Airport



Address: Sukhbaatar district, University street,
NUM Building 5-105
Ulaanbaatar 210646
Mongolia

Cost per student

Included in the cost for international students
(5 days: July 27-31): **\$450.**

- Airport pick-up and drop-off
- Accommodation
- 3 meals a day (multi-ethnic cuisine)
- Transportation costs in Mongolia
- Conference costs (Conference, paperwork, breakfast, lunch, tea & evening reception)
- Entertainment costs
- Event costs (physically exploring the desert, participating in tree planting)
- Translation and guide costs
- Travel insurance costs in Mongolia
- Souvenir
- Certificate of participation in the conference

Excluded in the cost:

- Transportation costs to Mongolia
- Items not included in the program
