

For Immediate Release**[YOUR High School NAME] to participate in Global Debates***Event is one of hundreds taking place at high schools worldwide*

CITY, STATE (October XX, 2008) – [YOUR High School NAME] is hosting a debate as part of The People Speak (TPS) Global Debates, which challenges high school students from around the world to think critically. This year, students will debate their own climate change action plans in the fall and in the spring, they will argue whether developed nations have a higher obligation to combating climate change. As part of the first round of the Global Debates taking place during the month of October 2008, [YOUR HIGH SCHOOL NAME] will focus on personal climate change action plans. To date, the Global Debates take place in more than 80 countries and in 45 U.S. states.

The [YOUR HIGH SCHOOL NAME] will host the public debate on [DATE] 2008, at [TIME] at [LOCATION]. Two teams of two students each, will argue for their own climate change action plans and against their opponents. The debate will be held in front of [Who is your audience?]. All debates will be videotaped and submitted to the United Nations Foundation. [Add in any other details –Are there guest moderators? Did you invite local officials?, etc.]

“By participating in the 2008 October Global Debates, the students at [YOUR HIGH SCHOOL NAME] are taking the opportunity to create their own detailed action plan which will showcase their diverse ideas on the pressing issue of climate change. The leadership and critical-thinking required of such as task will force students to creatively argue their unique solutions to this global crisis,” said Kaitlin Barry, Campus Outreach Director, United Nations Foundation. “Through these debates, students are able to become actively involved and engaged in the issues that will shape their future.”

As a result of their participation in the Global Debates, [YOUR HIGH SCHOOL NAME] will be eligible to compete to win an all expenses paid trip to the UN Foundation Youth Leadership Summit. The second annual Summit will be held at the United Nations in New York in July 2009. It will bring together student activists to learn more about the issues, tour the United Nations headquarters, meet with UN officials and participate in skill-building workshops and critical service-learning projects.

About The People Speak (TPS)

The People Speak is a campaign to educate and engage young people on the global issues that will shape their future. Young people are ready to take on some of the most serious challenges and exciting opportunities facing our nation and the world. By engaging them on issues of poverty reduction, global health, climate change and more, TPS is inspiring young people to be a positive force for change in the world. The People Speak is an initiative of the United Nations Foundation. More information is available online at www.ThePeopleSpeak.org.

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