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### **Executive Director Highlights Critical Role of Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration and Youth Empowerment at FfD4 Multistakeholder Hearing**

New York, New York – June 22, 2025 – Mr. Jaewon Choi, Executive Director of the DMUN Foundation highlighted the role of multi-stakeholder partnerships and robust youth engagement in achieving sustainable development.

This emphasis follows its active and impactful participation in the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) Multistakeholder Hearing, held in preparation for the main FfD4 conference in Seville, Spain, from June 30 to July 3, 2025.

The hearing, a crucial preparatory event, convened diverse voices from civil society, the private sector, academia, and philanthropic organizations to contribute to the global dialogue on financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The DMUN Foundation, dedicated to fostering global cooperation and empowering young people in international affairs, presented key interventions during the hearing. The Foundation highlighted how collaborative efforts across sectors are vital to mobilizing the necessary resources and expertise to address pressing global challenges, from climate change and poverty to inequality and health crises.



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"As a youth-led organization, the DMUN Foundation believes deeply that the voices and innovative potential of young people are not just beneficiaries, but essential drivers of sustainable development," said Mr. Choi.

The FfD4 Multistakeholder Hearing provided a vital platform for non-state actors, especially youth, to shape the future of development finance. We are at a critical juncture where traditional financing models alone are insufficient to meet the ambitious targets of the Sustainable Development Goals. The collective wisdom and resources of governments, civil society, and the private sector—including the dynamic energy of youth—are essential to unlocking new pathways for sustainable and inclusive growth."

During its interventions, the DMUN Foundation, drawing on its experience advocating for greater youth participation in UN FfD conferences, specifically called for:

**Meaningful Youth Participation and Inclusion:** Ensuring young people are not only present but actively involved in the design, implementation, and monitoring of financing for development strategies and programs.

**Strengthening North-South and South-South Cooperation:** Promoting inclusive partnerships that leverage diverse experiences and resources to address global challenges equitably.

**Innovating Financing Instruments:** Exploring blended finance, impact investing, and other mechanisms to de-risk investments and attract private capital into sustainable development projects, particularly those led by or benefiting youth.

**Enhancing Debt Sustainability:** Advocating for comprehensive solutions to the growing debt burden faced by many developing countries, which hinders their ability to invest in essential services and future generations.

**Promoting Digital Inclusion and Literacy:** Recognizing the potential of digital technologies to bridge development gaps, ensure equitable access to financial services, and empower young entrepreneurs and innovators.

**Empowering Local Communities and Marginalized Groups:** Ensuring that development finance strategies are inclusive and address the specific needs and aspirations of all segments of society, with a particular focus on local, youth-led initiatives.

The DMUN Foundation remains committed to working with all stakeholders to advocate for a transformative FfD4 outcome that prioritizes people, planet, and the vital role of youth. The insights and recommendations gathered from the Multistakeholder Hearing will inform the



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intergovernmental negotiations for the FfD4 outcome document, which is expected to outline a comprehensive framework for financing sustainable development.

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### About the DMUN Foundation

The DMUN Foundation is a youth-led NGO empowering young people through education, capacity-building, and advocacy on multilateral affairs and sustainable development.

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