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UNU-MERIT / Maastricht Graduate School of Governance Sign Official Cooperation with United Nations Student Association Maastricht

On 4 October 2011, the United Nations University MERIT institute and Maastricht University's Graduate School of Governance signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Student Association Maastricht (UNSA). With this agreement, both parties seek further collaboration in promoting the goals of the United Nations. Prof. Dr. Luc Soete, director of UNU-MERIT and dean of MGSoG, signed the Memorandum together with UNSA president Janika Bockmeyer.

The Maastricht Graduate School of Governance (MGSoG) and the United Nations University's Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT) started an intensive collaboration in late 2010 with the eventual goal of a merger. In May 2010, their M.Sc. programme in Public Policy and Human Development became the first Master-level programme to be accredited for a double degree with United Nations University. (The programme is also accredited in the Netherlands through Maastricht University.)

The United Nations Student Association Maastricht provides a platform for students from all backgrounds, in expanding the goals and workings of the United Nations and other international organizations. It offers local events from lectures to a charity gala, prepares students for multiple Model United Nations (MUN) conferences abroad and offers internships at NGO's in developing countries. Lastly, the organization of Europe's second largest MUN, EuroMUN, is also in their hands.

The cooperation will be based on financial and content-related matters. UNU-MERIT, MGSoG and UNSA look forward to a fruitful and successful cooperation.

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