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Canada's future leaders make their mark at UN Agencies across the world

Wednesday, July 5th, 2006-Ottawa - 18 young Canadians from diverse communities across the nation are set to take part in UNA-Canada's Junior Professional Consultants (JPC) Programme.

These highly active youth will be representing Canada at such diverse United Nations agencies as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Namibia; to the offices of UNICEF in New York.

Before their placements commence the JPC's have convened in Ottawa at UNA-Canada's national office for a week-long briefing session. The objective of the week is to aim towards breaking down the challenges and obstacles that Junior Professional Consultants may face while living abroad, as well as, fostering professional growth and capacity as they step into their first international career-related work placement.

This is the largest Junior Professional Consultant Briefing Session, since the implementation of the programme in 1997. This year alone UNA-Canada has received over 1400 applications for these prestigious placements. These youth represent UNA-Canada's commitment to the multilateral work of the UN.

Junior Professional Consultants Programme [JPC], a highly coveted internship programme facilitating the opportunity for Canadian youth to gain valuable professional experience working for UN agencies around the world. 90% of JPC alumni gain employment in their respective fields within 6 months after their placement.

UNA-Canada is a national charitable organization celebrating its landmark 60th anniversary. As a 'think and do' organization, UNA-Canada supports a network of fifteen volunteer branches with a National office in Ottawa and Western professional office in Vancouver. Our mandate is to engage Canadians in the work of the UN and the critical global issues which affect us all, through innovative projects, policy research, and on-going communications with Canadians.

**The Briefing Session will be held at the UNA-Canada National Office;
309 Cooper Street, Suite 300, Ottawa Tuesday, July 4 – Friday, July 7, 2006**

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