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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Youth re-create the United Nations in Edmonton**

**(November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Ottawa)** The United Nations Association in Canada (UNA-Canada) through its innovative *Youth of Today, City of Tomorrow* initiative has been working with Edmonton youth throughout the year on issues of urbanization and human settlement.

November 28<sup>th</sup>, the participating youth will debate the issue of “*How to create a city without a slum*”. The youth will collectively draft a resolution to the issue in a simulation of the United Nations General Assembly.

The Model UN-Habitat Assembly will allow the youth to engage the left side of their brain through critical analysis to identify solutions to international problems in human settlement and urbanization.

This event is a pre-cursor to the creation of a youth inspired painted mural in the spring that will engage the right side of the student’s brains when they express ways to improve the urban dilemmas of Edmonton in fulfilling the *YTCT* mandate of “*putting the future of cities in young people’s hands.*”

**DATE AND TIME: Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> 2006, 9:30 am-3:00 pm**

**LOCATION: Grant MacEwan City Centre Campus**

**Youth of Today, City of Tomorrow** is an innovative programme aimed at educating secondary school students across western Canada on the issues of urban development and sustainability; the central themes of the World Urban Forum (WUF). A step-by-step resource guide has been created for educators based on eight discussion papers commissioned by Western Economic Diversification (WD). Youth are participating in the Western Canadian Mural challenge and a Model UN Assembly based on the concept of “cities without slums”.

**UNA-Canada** is a national charitable organization celebrating its landmark 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As a ‘think and do’ organization, UNA-Canada supports a network of 17 volunteer branches, with a National office in Ottawa and a 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.

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