



**United Nations Association in Canada**  
**Association canadienne pour les Nations Unies**

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## **STUDENTS TO TALK ABOUT THE POSITIVES OF DIVERSITY**

**SASKATOON** - The University of Saskatchewan will host a student dialogue on the positive effects of embracing diversity. The dialogue builds on the momentum and success of last week's *Stop Racism Week* held at the University and is expected to attract over 150 students.

The dialogue will feature Maya Medjesi, a third year International Studies-Security and Cooperation student and Regional Coordinator for the United Nations Association in Canada's *A Sense of Belonging* project in Saskatoon. Ms. Medjesi will expose the pitfalls of racism and discrimination and invite students to explore different options to address and ultimately combat problems in the Saskatoon community.

The United Nations Association in Canada believes that addressing racial issues and promoting dialogue is important for the overall health of a community, as well as the economic sector. By bridging-bridges we hope to make Saskatoon a welcoming place for everyone and hope to crush the racial barriers that obstruct an inclusive community.

**This event is open to the media. Free Admission. Please RSVP to attend.**

**UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN - ROOM 133  
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 10:30 AM  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 11:00 AM  
SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN**

**A Sense of Belonging** promotes diversity and combats racism and discrimination in local communities across Canada through outreach and public education. The United Nations Association in Canada, through this initiative, builds opportunities for fulsome and equal participation in Canadian society, enhancing social cohesion. Through the support of the Department of Canadian Heritage, the project reaches nine communities across Canada.

The **United Nations Association in Canada (UNA-Canada)** is a national charitable organization celebrating its 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary. As a think and do organization, UNA-Canada supports a network of 17 volunteer branches and local contacts, 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 that affect us all through innovative projects, policy research, and on-going communications with Canadians.

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