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## SECRETARY-GENERAL'S WELCOME

Mohammad Alzaabi

It was an immense pleasure to host the fifteenth annual American University of Sharjah Model United Nations (AUSMUN) conference! An everlasting journey filled with determination, enthusiasm, passion, and perseverance, all of which were characteristics and values shared by each one of you.

We, the AUSMUN 2022 Executive Board, strove to uphold our bright and glorious legacy, introduce creative and innovative changes, and offer exclusive benefits, which we hope far exceeded your expectations. With “Sapere Aude” as our guiding principle, this year’s conference was an enriching, fun, and memorable experience. An experience that shall enlighten and inspire you as well as widen your horizons to not only learn the art of debating and diplomacy but also one day become bright and prosperous future leaders.





## ***A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MEDIA***

It is with great pleasure and honor to say AUSMUN 2022 was a success story that will live on for years. After a challenging pandemic and a year of preparation filled with new discoveries, lessons, people, and plans, we emerged at last at the 15th annual conference with a newfound willpower and strength. I was proud to have the support and help of brilliant individuals and faculty throughout the preparation and during the conference. It was truly a delicate moment watching the conference unfold surrounded by smart and capable organizers and delegates.

As the Director of Media, I found great pleasure in working with a team of bright people that helped make our vision for this year's MUN a reality. This experience taught me many things that I am grateful for, and while the days leading up to the conference were stressful and filled with angst, seeing the positive feedback from the people that will be the future of AUSMUN made it all worthwhile.

I would like to thank my exceptionally talented deputies, Saleha Saqib and AlZaina Lootah who I couldn't have done much without. I also want to thank my team; designers, photographers, journalists, and social media managers for always being remarkable at their job.

Hala Nasar

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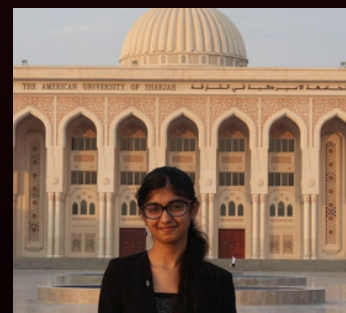
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BEHIND THE SCENES OF AUSMUN 2022

# LEAD UP TO THE CONFERENCE

by Fatima O. Thaiban Al Mansoori

*"It requires a strong work ethic."*

With the days passing by at an accelerating pace, AUSMUN organizers could be seen hard at work behind the scenes. The media team worked with great determination on the crucial elements required to run the conference while the logistics team rehearsed tirelessly to perfect the execution of it all.

Upon interviewing a logistics team member, we learned about the hardships and rewards earned from working in the organizer's team. They go on to say, "...it requires a really strong work ethic. No one goes into the details of how much work the teams put in, and it can be seen through the collective efforts we've put in during the three days of the conference and the months prior we spent preparing."

The little details such as the positioning of the lighting for the performers on the stage, the beauty behind working above the stage, and witnessing all the people gathering in one place to create leadership and creativity within the youth was incredibly inspiring. With everyone comforting and encouraging each other through the months spent preparing for this moment, we saw incredible energy from everyone participating in the conference!



# THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW

by Abdullah Al-Tekreeti & Raghed Hamza

From the hundreds of delegates eager for fiery debates to the excitement of finally having AUSMUN in person after three years of Covid-19, AUSMUN was nothing short of a spectacle. Delegates and organizers alike reveled in the buzz created by this year's AUSMUN, and the atmosphere was simply electric. The delegates understood their positions in AUSMUN once the flag ceremony began – the months of anticipation and the hundreds of hours put into research all leading to this moment. Delegates seemed incredibly passionate and well-informed despite their young age. With everyone eager to debate, the gavel was stricken, marking the beginning of the AUSMUN 2022.

"The cheers and the yells that echoed all around the AUS auditorium were not only a pointer to the delegates' excitement, but also a pointer to their determination, perseverance, and potential."



# COMMITTEES

## The Crisis in UNDP

by Haidy Abdelazim

The committee was in a moderated caucus when everyone received urgent news about a hurricane detected where many locals were left behind without help. The delegates had to instantaneously begin discussing the issue to provide support to the affected citizens. That's when the delegates raised a moderated caucus to see what could be done. The delegates showed strong willingness to implement solutions to save as many lives as possible. They then discussed the importance of offering jobs beyond borders, using resources and providing sanitary aid. Importantly, the Delegate of France mentioned, "It is time for all nations to come together and find solutions, as humans, we should leave no one behind". With support from others delegates began to collaborate towards better outcomes.



## A Look Into ICJ

by Mahasen Mudallali

The judges were discussing the issue of Armenia and Azerbaijan where many focused on the education sector, where the youth are being taught to hate other groups. The delegates mentioned how Azerbaijan is playing the 'poor child' role and how they are taking decisions in an isolated manner that lead to negative outcomes. To keep the discussion going, the delegate of Somalia raised a motion to discuss the topic "Using Education to Promote Ethnic Hatred". Most judges were stating that the future generations rely heavily on them to make sure that good information and knowledge is being taught at schools. Nevertheless, judges were mentioning strong points regarding the speeches of others and emphasizing the fact that they should look at people from both sides and not only the ones on the side of suffering.



# INTERVIEWS

## Secretary-General Interview

by Fatima O. Thaiban Al Mansoori

**Interviewer:** You've played many roles at AUSMUN, from being a delegate to being the Secretary-General. How did you deal with the high expectations for the conference?

**Mohammad Alzaabi:** As someone with high standards, I have a lot of expectations of which some are met and others aren't. For me, it's more productive to be realistic in terms of what resources we have and what members of the board are capable of accomplishing. As we continue this journey of learning, it's better to modify our expectations to help people develop and gain experience in different fields.



**Interviewer:** What role in MUN is very close to your heart other than your position right now, and why?

**Mohammad Alzaabi:** I would say being a delegate since it allows you to interact with various kinds of people and learn many things in terms of cultural backgrounds and different points of view. This sort of interaction is the closest to my heart as that was also one of the first roles I played at AUSMUN.

**Interviewer:** What would you say is the defining moment for a conference like AUSMUN where so many people from different schools and colleges get an opportunity to work collaboratively?

**Mohammad Alzaabi:** Inspiring people. I like to see how people change throughout the course of the conference and get inspired to pursue their passions. For me, the impact on people is a major driving force as it rewards my team and I for all the hard work we put in.



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## Faculty Interview, Dr. Jeniece Lusk

by Raghed Hamza

**Interviewer:** How would you describe your role as faculty advisor to AUSMUN'22?

**Dr. Lusk:** Well, I have been a faculty advisor to AUSMUN since 2016, and in the past, I have been the lead advisor and did some supporting roles and it's simply amazing. I get so much energy from students and I love working with their enthusiasm and especially our board, who has been with us for an entire year planning this MUN."

**Interviewer:** What did you like most about this year's conference and what do you want to see more of in future AUSMUNs?

**Dr. Lusk:** I think what I enjoyed most was the opening ceremony, because everybody is gathering and there's a lot of excitement in the room as people are getting started in the journey – especially the first-timers.



## Delegate Interview, Mohammad Khalil

by Fatima O. Thaiban Al Mansoori

**Interviewer:** What school do you come from and what delegation are you a part of?

**Mr. Khalil:** I'm from Al Mawakeb Al Garhoud, a school in Dubai, and I'm here as the Delegate of North Korea. This is my second time attending a Model United Nations conference and I'm so excited to be a part of such an organisation.

**Interviewer:** How are you finding AUSMUN so far?

**Khalil:** Since it's my second time attending such a conference, I feel like I know what to expect. Everyone is incredible. The pace of the committee sessions is quite admirable and the delegates are great at debating issues relevant to contemporary politics.

**Interviewer:** Tell us more about how your committee session went!

**Khalil:** It was amazing. The topic was interesting and everyone was extremely involved. The energy was impeccable and I hope next year's conference continues to such a standard!

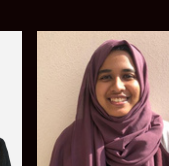
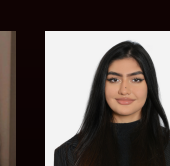
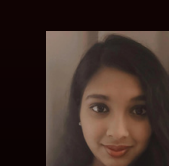
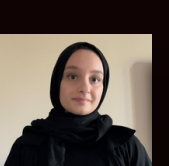
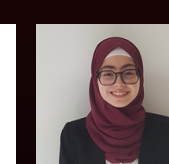
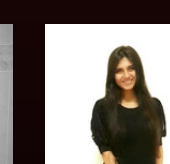
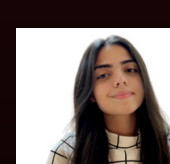
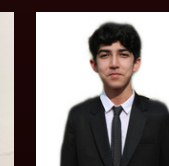
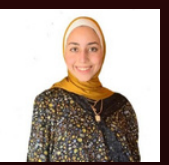
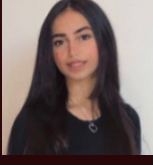
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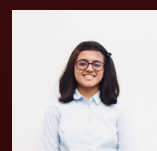
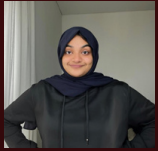
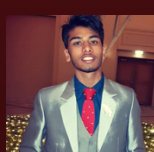
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# ORGANIZERS



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15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

# STATISTICS

**10+ COMMITTEES**  
**400+ DELEGATES**  
**25+ ADVISORS**  
**150+ ORGANIZERS**

**STAY TUNED FOR NEXT YEAR'S AUSMUN  
FOR MORE EXCITING CONTENT!**