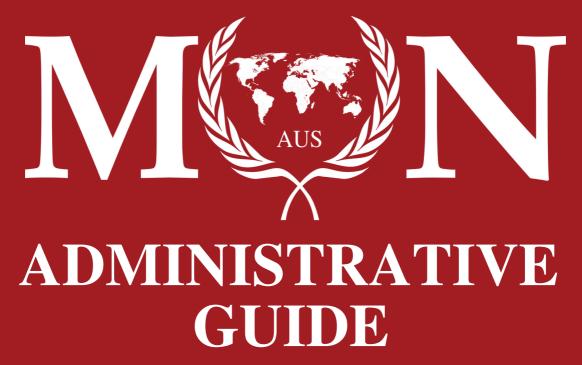
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# WELCOME LETTER

To Whom It May Concern,

It is our absolute pleasure to invite you to the 16th annual American University of Sharjah Model United Nations Conference (AUSMUN) held in the Islamic Capital of the United Arab Emirates, Sharjah. AUSMUN is one of the largest conferences across the UAE and has proudly encompassed a highly diverse set of participants accommodating more than 1500 multi-ethnic contributors every year.

Throughout the three-day event, AUSMUN aspires to provide students with an enriching experience filled with intellectual debates, thorough public speaking, and cooperative teamwork. It is our responsibility to make sure our participating members are able to explore different topics to increase their knowledge of worldwide issues and international affairs. Our motto, "Sapere Aude" aims to inspire students to think for themselves, as well as encourage them to be passionate about learning. Our conference also aims to provide our participants with networking opportunities on the second and third days of the conference through the social night and gala dinner.

This year's conference will take place from the 3rd to the 5th of February 2023.

Lastly, please contact us if you would like to inquire about accommodations. It is highly recommended if you do so a few weeks prior to the conference, as we cannot ensure the availability thereof closer to the time.

For any questions and concerns please contact us on *info@ausmun.com* and visit *www.ausmun.com* for more information!

Kind Regards, Sameera Khan & Reem Al-Dulaimi



# **ABOUT US**

#### **American University of Sharjah (AUS)**

Despite being young in age, the American University of Sharjah (AUS) is acclaimed throughout the region for its academic excellence and multicultural campus life. Founded in 1997 by His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Sharjah, the university was envisaged by His Highness as a leading educational institution in the Gulf region.

Consciously based upon American institutions of higher education, AUS is thoroughly grounded in Arab culture and is part of a larger process of the revitalization of intellectual life in the Middle East. We are an independent, not-for-profit coeducational institution that is proud of its role as a leading comprehensive coeducational university, serving students from the region and around the world (www.aus.edu/aus-at-a-glance).

#### **AUS Model United Nations (AUSMUN)**

A few years ago, AUS participated in the Harvard Model United Nations, the largest and oldest of its kind in the world. We were able to learn first-hand about different aspects of the international political system and grasp our role as citizens of the world. Marking the 10th anniversary of AUS, local high schools in the UAE shared a similar experience with the birth of AUSMUN.

In a course of months, students from AUS worked persistently to create a conference that both delegates and advisors would enjoy and dearly remember. We proudly recall the immense success of the first AUSMUN. The delegates left the conference with a significantly improved understanding of international relations and organizations. We aspire to replicate that remarkable feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction each year.



# **CONFERENCE DETAILS**

Theme: Embracing Growth, Enhancing Change

# **Committee Line Up**

General Assembly 1: Disarmament and International Security (GA1)

General Assembly 2: Economic and Finance (GA2)

General Assembly 3: Social, Humanitarian & Cultural Issues (GA3)

General Assembly 4: Special Political and Decolonization (GA4)

Security Council (SC)- University

Security Council (SC) - High School

International Court of Justice (ICJ)

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

World Health Organization (WHO)

Peacebuilding Commission (PBC)

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Arab League



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# **Costs for Registration**

#### **Early Registration:**

- An initial deposit of 150 AED
- Applicable from the 1st of September to the 30th of September 2022

#### **Normal Registration:**

- An initial deposit of AED 200
- Applicable from the 1st of October and ends on the 31st of October 2022

#### Late Registration:

- An initial deposit of AED 250
- Applicable from the 1st of November and ends on the 30th of November 2022

#### **Deadlines**

- Name changes and name amendments will not be permitted after 30th of November 2022.
- No applications will be accepted after the 30th of November 2022.

#### **General Information**

- Schools are not permitted to bring their own photographers nor observers.
- During the conference, strict COVID-19 restrictions shall be imposed, including social distancing, wearing masks, regular sanitizing, and restricted gathering. Both delegates and faculty advisors must present valid COVID-19 test results at entry.



# **REGISTRATION PROCESS**

#### STEP 1:

Register by filling out the Registration Form: https://www.ausmun.com/copy-of-aus-individuals

#### **STEP 2:**

Wait for an email from the Director of Logistics including:

- By-laws / Waiver
- 'Amount to settle'
- Information on the payment process

#### **STEP 3:**

- Sign the by-laws and the waiver and send the documents to the Director of Logistics at *logistics@ausmun.com*.
- Settle payments and send proof of payment to the Director of Logistics.

#### **STEP 4:**

Wait for an email from the Director of Logistics including:

• Country assignment in Form B

#### **STEP 5:**

- Fill out Form B with names of delegates
- Send Form B to Director of Logistics
- Proceed with conference preparations!



# **TOPICS**

### **General Assembly**

#### GA 1: Disarmament and International Security

- The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development
- Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development

#### **GA 2: Economic and Finance**

- The future of the digital currencies such as Bitcoin
- Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS

#### GA 3: Social, Humanitarian & Cultural Issues

- Safeguarding Human Rights of Ukranians Displaced by the ongoing war
- The Children of Afghanistan

#### **GA 4: Special Political and Decolonization**

- Peacekeeping missions in Africa: Are they working?
- Srilankan crisis

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## **Peace & Security**

#### **SC** - University

- Maritime security
- Drug trafficking in West Africa

#### SC - High School

- Effectiveness of SC in Ukraine Russia crisis
- Turkish & Iraqi conflict

#### **ICJ**

- Alleged Violations of Sovereign Rights and Maritime Spaces in the Caribbean Sea (Nicaragua v. Colombia)
- Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo (Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Uganda)



# TOPICS Humanitarian

#### **UNHCR**

- Ukraine emergency situation
- Situation of Afghanistan

#### UNICEF

- Improving & assessing the situation Vaccinations for children
- Empowerment of youth in conflict ridden areas

#### **UNHRC**

- Serious Human Rights Concerns and Situation in Afghanistan
- Extrajudicial executions on the rise in South Sudan's Warrap State

#### **Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) (English)**

- Honor killing in the middle east
- Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes.

#### **Economic & Social**

#### **UNDP**

- The effectiveness of SDG's (Sustainable development goals) on ending poverty
- New threats to human security in the Anthropocene

#### **UNODC**

- Cannabis post-legalization
- Environmental impacts of illicit drugs

#### **Development**

- 1. UNEP:
- Wildfires: The Rising Threat of Extraordinary Landscape Fires
- Minimizing the environmental causes and consequences of crises.
- 2. WHO
- Ukraine emergency
- Monkeypox situations



# **TOPICS**Special Committees

- 1. Peacebuilding Commission
- The critical role of young women and men in peacebuilding.
- Impact of climate change on peacebuilding in the Pacific Islands
- 2. The Arab League
- How did the Covid 19 pandemic effect refugees in the Middle east
- Lebanon situation
- 3. International Atomic Energy Agency
- Nuclear science and technology for peaceful purposes
- How to protect people, society and the environment from the harmful effects of ionizing radiation



# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, February 3rd	Saturday, February 4th	Sunday, February 5th
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Arrival and Registration  3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Opening Ceremony	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Second Committee Session  12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch Break*	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM  Fifth Committee Session  12:30 PM - 2:00 PM  Lunch Break*
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Short Break*	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Third Committee Session	2:00 PM - 4:30 PM Sixth Committee Session
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  First Committee Session	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  Coffee Break (Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Muffins, etc)  5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  Fourth Committee Session	4:30 PM - 6:30 PM  Awards Ceremony  (Gala Dinner)
	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  Social Night*  (Buffalo Wild Wings, Chocomelt, and more!)	

\*Breaks without provided meals; vendors on campus, including Burger King and Starbucks will be open for purchase.

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