



# Conference Program 2018

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### Committee Topics

#### Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP)

1. Development and Transfer of Technologies to Support the Implementation of the Paris Agreement
2. Adapting to Sea Level Rise in Low-lying Areas and Small Islands

#### United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

1. Management and Reduction of Waste in Urban Areas
2. Development of Eco-friendly Technology for the Protection of Oceans and Seas

#### High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

1. Promotion of Sustainable Industrial Development and Innovation in Rural Areas
2. Implementing SDG 6: Ensure Availability and Sustainable Management of Water and Sanitation for All

#### United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

1. Management and Control of Urbanization and Tourism in Protected Areas
2. Sustainable Transportation between Urban and Rural Zones

#### United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

1. Comprehensive Review of the Standards for Sites to be Included in the World Heritage List
2. Community Engagement for the Protection of Cities and Towns Listed as World Heritage Sites

#### Security Council (SC)

1. The Impact of Climate Change on Peace and Security
2. Environmental Migration as a Concern for Peace and Security

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### MESSAGE TO THE NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS • GALAPAGOS (NMUN•GALAPAGOS) CONFERENCE San Cristóbal Island, 5-14 January 2018

It is a pleasure to greet this Model United Nations.

Today, people around the world are interconnected. Conflict, environmental destruction, poverty and injustice affect everyone. We have to work in common cause for our common humanity. All parents want a better life for their children. All religions value peace. All communities thrive when they value diversity.

At Model United Nations, you broaden your horizons. By learning and networking, you can be part of the efforts of the United Nations to establish peace, secure human rights and enable all people to live in dignity.

I have called for a surge in diplomacy for peace – and for a new emphasis on preventing conflicts. We are also working to improve living conditions everywhere through the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In all of these areas, we can benefit from your enthusiasm and your ideas. I hope that you will follow our social media accounts and stay fully engaged in your communities.

The United Nations stands with you as you stand up for our shared values. Together, let us create a more compassionate, inclusive and peaceful world.



António Guterres



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NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS • Galápagos

San Cristóbal Island, Ecuador • 5 - 14 January 2018

Dear Delegates, Faculty Advisors, Guests, and Friends,

National Model United Nations (NMUN) and Universidad San Francisco de Quito have chosen for the second time the Galápagos Islands as the location for this NMUN conference because of its unique characteristics. In the coming week you will simulate six different committees in the heart of Galápagos. You will also have the opportunity to "Connect with Galápagos" through different community service activities that will leave a mark. These activities are designed to allow you to get to know the local community while putting into practice the ideas you discuss during committee sessions. In addition, you will "Discover Galápagos" through a wide range of activities.

The Galápagos Islands have been considered by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as a World Natural Heritage Site since 1978. Nevertheless, rising urbanization, uncontrolled tourism and other human activities have put in danger endemic and native species of the Galápagos wildlife, threatening delicate habitats. In light of this preoccupying reality, the staff has chosen environment and sustainable development as the central topics for the conference.

At this particular NMUN conference your role as delegates will not be limited to the realm of diplomacy. You will also make an immediate and hopefully long-lasting difference in the community of Galápagos. This is a place currently in need of the implementation of policies leading to development while assuring preservation of the unique Galápagos ecosystems.

On World Environment Day, 5 June 2017, Secretary-General António Guterres stated, "This is our environment. It is the keystone of a sustainable future. Without a healthy environment we cannot end poverty or build prosperity. We all have a role to play in protecting our only home." By joining us in this international Model United Nations conference held in the Galápagos Islands, you are pioneering action to create a sustainable future for the islands and your local community.

To simulate the United Nations in the Galápagos Islands is not an everyday opportunity, so I hope you will treasure and take advantage of it.

¡Bienvenidos al National Model United Nations Latin America Conference 2018 y a Ecuador!  
(Welcome to the 2018 National Model United Nations Latin America Conference and to Ecuador!)

*María José Gellibert*

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Secretary-General, NMUN•Galápagos 2018

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### Friday, 5 January

All Day Arrive in Quito, Ecuador  
Wyndham Quito Hotel has a free shuttle from Mariscal Sucre International Airport

### Saturday, 6 January

7:30 am - 8:30 am NMUN Conference Registration Wyndham Quito Hotel Lobby  
(only one person from your delegation needs to do this)

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Cultural Tours and Site Visits: Bus Tour of Quito Wyndham Quito Hotel Lobby  
(buses depart from Wyndham Quito Hotel at 9:00 am)  
Lunch included.

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Opening Ceremony and Reception Universidad San Francisco de Quito  
(buses depart from Wyndham Quito Hotel at 6:00 pm)

### Sunday, 7 January

7:00 am Luggage Drop for Flight from Quito to San Cristóbal Island Wyndham Quito Hotel Lobby  
10:40 am - 1:10 pm Flight from Quito to San Cristóbal Island Mariscal Sucre International Airport  
Meet in the Wyndham Quito Hotel Lobby at 7:40 am

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Committee Session I GAIAS, See Committee Locations Below

### Monday, 8 January

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Committee Session II GAIAS, See Committee Locations Below  
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Lunch  
2:30 pm - 6:00 pm Committee Session III GAIAS, See Committee Locations Below

### Tuesday, 9 January

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Committee Session IV GAIAS, See Committee Locations Below  
10:00 am - 11:30 am Faculty and Guests: Nature Hike and Birdwatching GAIAS, Front Porch  
Join biologist Jennifer Taylor on a guided hike with discussion of the flora and fauna. Bring your binoculars.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Lunch  
2:30 pm - 6:00 pm Committee Session V GAIAS, See Committee Locations Below

### Committee Locations

#### Galápagos Academic Institute for the Arts and Sciences (GAIAS)

COP - Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change ..... Room 2 (S),  
Room 8 (M,T), GSC (W)

HLPF - High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development ..... Room 3

SC - Security Council ..... Room 7

UNEA - United Nations Environment Assembly ..... Room 1

UNESCO - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization ..... Room 4

UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme ..... Room 5

### Wednesday, 10 January

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Committee Session VI GAIAS, See Committee Locations on p. 6  
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Lunch  
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Committee Session VII (Voting) GAIAS, See Committee Locations on p. 6  
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Closing Ceremony San Cristóbal Convention Center

### Thursday, 11 January

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Community Service Projects  
A range of environmental and community development projects. Sign up at GAIAS.  
Box lunch provided.

### Friday, 12 January

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Cultural Tours and Site Visits: Discover Galápagos by Sea  
Visit Kicker Rock, snorkel, and swim with Galápagos sharks, whitetip sharks, large rays, pelagic and reef fish, sea turtles, sea lions, and many other species unique to this locale. Spend time at a hidden beach. Box lunch provided.

### Saturday, 13 January

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Cultural Tours and Site Visits: Discover Galápagos by Land  
Visit Galapaguera de Cerro Colorado where you will see giant tortoises, including baby tortoises.  
Learn how the center is working to preserve this endangered animal. Box lunch provided.

### Sunday, 14 January

10:00 am Depart for the Airport for Flight from San Cristóbal Island to Quito  
1:45 pm - 6:10 pm Flight from San Cristóbal Island to Quito Mariscal Sucre International Airport  
Sun. night/Mon. am Journey Home  
Most flights will depart very early Monday morning





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**AND NOT ANYWHERE ELSE?**

## Delegations

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Member State	School (From)
Bolivia	McMurry University (USA)
Brazil (UNESCO)	Stockton University (USA)
China	Stockton University (USA)
Egypt	Texas Christian University (USA)
Ethiopia (SC)	U. San Francisco de Quito (ECU)
France	West Virginia University (USA)
Germany	Université du Québec à Montréal (CAN)
India (COP, UNEA)	U. San Francisco de Quito (ECU)
Italy (SC)	U. San Francisco de Quito (ECU)
Japan	Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus (USA)
Kazakhstan (SC)	U. San Francisco de Quito (ECU)
Mexico	Bellevue College (USA)
Pakistan	Georgia State University (USA)
Russian Federation	University of New Hampshire (USA)
Senegal	Central Michigan University (USA)
Sweden (COP, SC)	West Virginia University (USA)
Sweden (UNEA)	University of Minnesota (USA)
Ukraine	St. Petersburg College (USA)
United Kingdom	Manhattan College (USA)
United States of America	Universidad Casa Grande (ECU)
United States of America	U. San Francisco de Quito (ECU)
Uruguay	University of Bayreuth (DEU)

Abbreviations for where each school is located are taken from the UN Stats. Div.: [unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/m49/](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/m49/).

### Journey Back to Xi'an



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XI'AN 2018

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**UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**



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### Expectations of Conduct

Our intention is to create an environment at National Model United Nations (NMUN) that supports our educational mission. Professionalism in speech, actions, and appearance by all participants (Delegates, Head Delegates, Faculty, Team Leaders, Guests, Secretariat, Staff, and Board Members) is a requirement of all NMUN conferences. These guidelines are provided to help establish clear expectations.

Concerns about individual behavior in committee should first be addressed to the volunteer staff in committee. Staff may refer larger concerns, such as sexual harassment or discrimination issues, to conference organizers. Organizers may also be contacted directly through conference services staff.

NMUN reserves the right to bar violators from further participation and/or restrict future registration for any participant or school unable to uphold their responsibility to the conference's expectations.

### Everyone

- Treat everyone, including non-NMUN hotel guests, with the highest level of courtesy and respect at all times, including on social media and in electronic communications.
- Enjoy the variety of activities available at our conference venues. Please bear in mind, however, that the purpose of being here is participation in NMUN.
- Disruption of committee sessions or causing problems in the hotel or other facilities will not be tolerated.
- Respect academic integrity; plagiarism will not be tolerated.
- Alcohol is not allowed in any of our committee sessions. If you are going to drink, please drink responsibly. Excessive alcohol consumption should be avoided.
- Possession or use of illicit drugs is prohibited at all times. Any issues related to illicit drugs may be directed to the attention of local authorities.
- Follow the Dress Code while attending conference events.
- Respect the property of the United Nations, our host hotels, and any other facilities used. Keep in mind that our facility partners have separate policies that include the potential for removal from their properties.

### Delegates

- Remain in character by consistently advocating the interests and representing the policies of the country assigned. To act in character also entails displaying respect for the opinions and ideas of fellow delegates, even if these opinions and ideas conflict with a given delegate's own country's priorities.
- Collaborate with fellow delegates whenever possible.

### Head Delegates

- If assigned to a committee, follow the delegates expectations. If serving solely in an advisory role, follow the faculty expectations.
- Attend and participate in head delegates meetings.

### Faculty Advisors

- Make efforts to ensure that students maintain a positive and professional approach to the conference and help them understand the skills of diplomacy as practiced at NMUN.
- Serve as information resources when appropriate, but do not participate in the actual writing of resolutions or caucusing activities; participation in the committee process must be left to the student delegates and the conference volunteer staff.
- Quietly observe your students from the back of committee rooms.
- Refrain from using academic credit and grading policies that force participation beyond a country's normal position in the UN; awards should not be a delegation's main emphasis.
- Attend and participate in any faculty advisors meetings.

### Guests

- Guests are required to adhere to the same expectations as all other conference attendees.
- Guests serve as observers.
- They cannot be enrolled university students or faculty advisors and do not provide any support to a delegation. A guest is typically a school official, spouse/partner of a faculty advisor, or a funder who is interested in gaining exposure to NMUN as an observer of the conference.

### Dress Code

All clothing must adhere to guidelines that portray professionalism and modesty. If your attire is deemed inappropriate by NMUN staff, you will be asked to leave the session and return with appropriate attire. Given the weather in this locale, do not bring business jackets; ties are optional.

- Standard attire for this conference is dress shirts (short sleeves are acceptable) and slacks/khakis/skirts.
- Shorts, ball caps, jeans, sneakers, flip flops, and sunglasses are considered too casual. Clothes that expose excessive bare skin, reveal undergarments, or are otherwise revealing are inappropriate for conference sessions.
- It is not appropriate to display any national symbols such as flags, pins, crests, etc. on your person during sessions. UN symbols are acceptable.
- Traditional dress is permitted only for international delegations in whose native countries professional business dress includes traditional cultural dress. NMUN will not tolerate any attempt to portray a character using traditional cultural attire as a costume.

Faculty advisors/team leaders, guests, and volunteer staff serve as role models for delegates. Thus they are also required to follow these guidelines while participating in scheduled conference sessions.

### Sexual Harassment & Discrimination

NMUN will not tolerate any instances of sexual harassment or discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, or disability. Anyone who believes they have encountered sexual harassment or discrimination that results in a hostile working environment or disparate treatment may bring it to NMUN's attention. We will investigate the merits of the allegations and respond appropriately. Outcomes may include taking no action, issuing a verbal reprimand, separating individuals from the conference, or any other action deemed appropriate.

### Safety & Security

Your safety and security are your personal responsibility. Take full advantage of this unique opportunity in a responsible manner. Please do not leave your computer or other personal electronic devices unattended. Remove conference badges when leaving the hotel. Refrain from any sort of substance abuse. Use common sense.

In the event of an emergency in the hotel, follow their guidelines. Emergency preparedness experts recommend having a designated meeting spot outside the hotel and sharing cell phone numbers amongst members of your delegation.

## Awards Criteria

National Model United Nations has established criteria for evaluating delegate performance. Each element is equally important to the overall awards determination process. All committees are weighted equally, and delegations are rated on a mathematical formula in relation to the total number of committees represented by the individual Member State.

Areas of evaluation are:

- Remaining in character - defined as advocating your assigned country's position in a manner consistent with economic, social, and geopolitical constraints.
- Participating in committee - evaluated both during formal sessions and caucusing.
- Proper use of the rules of procedure - NMUN uses the rules of procedure to facilitate effective workings of committee and debate.



For more details, see: [nmun.org/awards-criteria.html](http://nmun.org/awards-criteria.html).



Motion	Purpose	Debate	Vote	Explanation
* Point of Order	Correct an error in procedure	None	None	Refers to a specific rule
* Appeal of the Chair	Challenge a decision of the Chair	None	Majority	Question the Chair's ruling
Suspension of the Meeting	Recess meeting for a defined period	None	Majority	Used to go into informal debate or break for a given time
Adjournment of the Meeting	End meeting	None	Majority	Used only on final day; ends committee for the year
Adjournment of Debate	End debate without a substantive vote	2 pro/2 con	Majority	Ends debate on the topic; requires a roll call
Closure of Debate	Vote on all draft resolutions; move to an immediate vote	2 con	2/3 Majority	Ends all discussion on current topic
* Division of the Question (Used in voting only)	Consider clause(s) separately from rest of draft resolution to create an annex			Voted on in order of most to least radical change
	<b>Part I:</b> Procedural vote on if this motion should be considered	2 pro/2 con	Majority	<b>If passes:</b> Clause(s) removed and voted on separately <b>If fails:</b> No change to clause(s)
	<b>Part II:</b> Substantive vote to accept or reject separate clauses	None	Majority	<b>If passes:</b> Annex passes <b>If fails:</b> Clause(s) discarded and no longer part of any draft resolution
* Roll Call Vote (Used in voting only)	Vote by roll call, rather than show of placards	None	None	Automatically granted once requested
* Adopt by Acclamation (Used in voting only)	Adopt a draft resolution as a body by consensus	None	None	Once motioned, Chair must ask if there are any dissensions
Reconsideration	Reopen debate on an issue (Motion must be made by a member who voted in favor of Adjournment of Debate)	2 con	2/3 Majority	Reopens debate on a topic that was previously ended by Adjournment of Debate
Set the Speaker's Time	Set or change the time allotted to each speaker	2 pro/2 con	Majority	Rarely used at the UN; prior approval from the Dais required or may be ruled out of order; never permitted during the first committee session
Close the Speakers' List (or reopen a closed list)	No additional speakers may be added to the list	None	Majority	Once a closed list is exhausted, the committee goes directly into voting procedure
Adoption of the Agenda	Approval of agenda order	None	Majority	

\* Only these motions are recognized during voting procedure.