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## Committees and Topics

### General Assembly Plenary (GA)

1. The Relationship between Disarmament and Development
2. The Rights of Indigenous People
3. Permanent Sovereignty over Their Natural Resources for the Palestinian People and the Arab Population in the Occupied Syrian Golan

### United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

1. Environment and Development: The Environment in the Post-2015 Development Agenda
2. Strengthening International Cooperation on the Environmental Aspects of Emergency Response and Preparedness in Humanitarian Response
3. Water Policy and Strategy: Trans-Boundary Waters

### Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

1. Strengthening the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance and Civil Society
2. Promoting Sustainable Development and Achieving the Millennium Development Goals
3. The Empowerment of Women and the Post-2015 Development Agenda

### Human Rights Council (HRC)

1. The Right to Adequate Housing and Protection from Forcible Evictions
2. Ensuring the Right to Clean Water and Sanitation for All
3. Human Rights in the Syrian Arab Republic

### Security Council (SC)

1. The Situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
2. Children and Armed Conflict

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MESSAGE TO  
THE NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS • NORTHWEST  
NMUN•NW 2014  
Portland, 14 - 16 February 2014

Your participation in this Model UN comes at a time of opportunity and risk for the human family. We are the first generation that can end extreme poverty -- yet people and the planet face the rising pressures of a warming climate, growing inequality and exploitation from mines to fields to factory floor.

The United Nations works every day, around the clock, across the world, to confront today's emergencies while building foundations of peace for tomorrow. We are feeding the hungry, fighting disease and pressing for a nuclear-weapon-free world. We are strengthening peacekeeping, peacebuilding and preventive diplomacy as well as our tools for justice and accountability. Our sights are also set on the key year of 2015: the deadline for achieving the Millennium Development Goals, reaching an agreement on climate change and adopting a bold vision for the period beyond 2015 that will advance economic growth, social progress and environmental stewardship.

These plans are ambitious. We need people to make them real. That means you. I count on you to use the negotiating skills you learn in this Model UN exercise to help navigate the real-world challenges we face. I encourage you to join forces with like-minded individuals and groups to generate change and promote mutual tolerance, understanding and respect. I also hope you will link to the United Nations through our Twitter and Facebook accounts.



Technology has globalized communications. Now we have to globalize compassion and citizenship. In a world that is more connected, we must be more united. With our fates ever more entwined, our future must be one of ever deeper and wider cooperation. That is the global logic of our times.

I look forward to the contributions you will make to our shared work for peace, development and human rights. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable experience.

Ban Ki-moon





New York, NY: 30 March - 3 April or 13 - 17 April 2014



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Dear Delegates, Head Delegates, Faculty, and Friends,

Welcome to National Model United Nations • Northwest (NMUN•NW) 2014! On behalf of the volunteer staff and our host organizations, National Model United Nations and Northwest Model United Nations, I am happy to welcome you to Portland, Oregon in the heart of the beautiful Pacific Northwest. As hundreds of students from around the world meet this weekend, we hope that the exchange of ideas, exposure to diversity, and opportunity to respond to challenges will advance global progress and help each of you individually in your personal and professional lives.

Our volunteer staff has been preparing for your arrival over this past year, and hope to help facilitate an experience that will be educational as well as enjoyable. We also know how hard you have worked to prepare for the conference. Working together, we know that you – students from around the world, traveling thousands of miles in some cases and crossing a few streets in others – can combine diverse opinions and divergent goals to formulate plans of action for the world. These plans are necessary because the issues you will be discussing are vital. For our future leaders, of which you are an important part, solving these problems is not optional.

The conference is held in Portland, an environmentally-conscious city surrounded by natural beauty. It is therefore fitting that many of our topics focus on protecting the environment directly or ensuring that environmental issues do not threaten social, economic or cultural development around the world. We are also heavily focused on human rights as well as peace and security. All of these issues are vital to ensuring that all people are able to live freely, in open societies with functional, responsive governments, the rule of law, with full exercise of their rights and the ability to achieve their goals. Our conference's small role is to help promote this vision and help prepare our participants to be a part of our global future.

This is the first ever NMUN conference in the Western United States. It is the first national-scale MUN conference held in Portland. And it is one of the first conferences to simulate new bodies from the real United Nations such as the United Nations Environmental Assembly. You are the first to experience it, and therefore you – the delegates who will be filling each committee to represent your Member or Observer State – will be defining this conference and making it a success. You will have every opportunity to push for your delegation's goals, and to help craft new and innovative solutions to global problems. I ask of you only that you take advantage of these opportunities, and that you make the most of this weekend.

Once again, I welcome you to NMUN•NW 2014. Please contact me or any other member of the volunteer staff if we can assist you in any way. Thank you for coming to our conference, and enjoy your weekend here in Portland!

Sameer Kanal  
Secretary-General, National Model United Nations • NW 2014

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FRIDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2014

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Conference Registration	Lobby Level, Willamette
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Rules Training (Optional)	Lower Level 1, Salon E
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Opening Ceremony	Lower Level 1, Salon E
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner Break	
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Late Conference Registration	Lobby Level, Willamette
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Committee Session I	See Committee Locations Below
10:15 pm - 10:45 pm	Head Delegates Meeting	Lobby Level, Columbia

SATURDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2014

9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Committee Session II	See Committee Locations Below
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch Break	
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Committee Session III	See Committee Locations Below
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner Break	
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Committee Session IV	See Committee Locations Below
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Faculty Reception	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Truss Restaurant
10:15 pm - 10:45 pm	Head Delegates Meeting	Lobby Level, Columbia

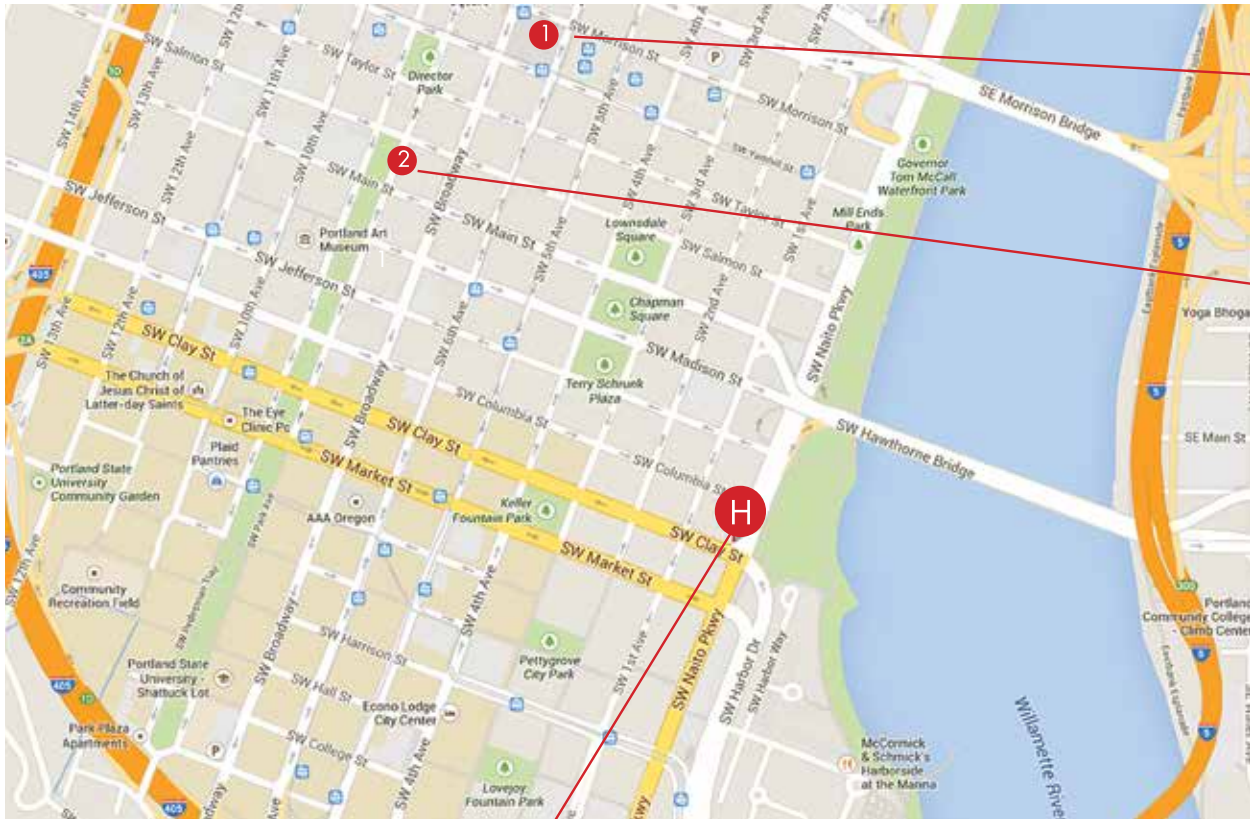
SUNDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2014

9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Committee Session V	See Committee Locations Below
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch Break	
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Committee Session VI & Voting	See Committee Locations Below
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Break	
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Closing Ceremony	Lower Level 1, Salon E

Committee Locations

Economic and Social Council Plenary (ECOSOC)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Pearl
General Assembly Plenary (GA)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Mount Hood
Human Rights Council (HRC)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hawthorne/Belmont/Laurelhurst
Security Council (SC)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Douglas Fir/Meadowlark
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	Lobby Level, Columbia
Conference Services, Computer/Copier Room	Lobby Level, Willamette
(Conf. Services is open the same hours as committee sessions except it will close at 2:30 pm on Sunday.)	
Faculty Lounge	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Salmon





Portland Marriott  
Downtown Waterfront  
Conference Hotel  
1401 SW Naito Pkwy,  
Portland, OR 97201  
503.226.7600

Directions from the Portland International  
Airport to the Marriott: **Red Line** from  
Portland International Airport to Downtown.  
Transfer at Mall/SW 5<sup>th</sup> to **Green** or **Yellow**  
Lines, disembark at City Hall/SW 5<sup>th</sup> and  
Jefferson. Walk 5 blocks East, then 1 block  
South to the hotel at Columbia and Naito.

THINGS TO SEE IN PORTLAND

1 - PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE



701 S.W. Sixth Ave.  
This thriving urban park is the most-visited site in Oregon. The square includes the Travel Portland Visitor Information Center and TriMet's public transit ticket office.

2 - OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY



1200 S.W. Park Ave. / 503.222.1741  
Explore Oregon's fascinating history, located on the South Park Blocks in downtown Portland. Home to the award-winning permanent exhibit "Oregon My Oregon."

PORTLAND JAPANESE GARDEN (not shown on map)

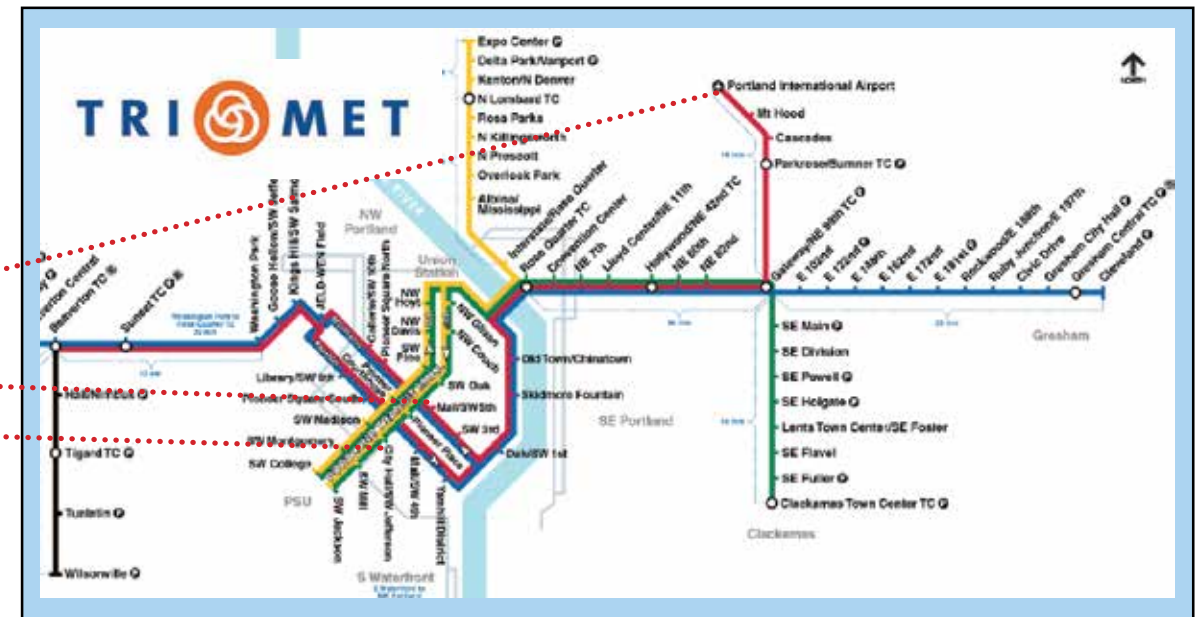


611 S.W. Kingston Ave./ 503.223.1321  
- Proclaimed the most authentic Japanese garden outside of Japan, this garden is a 5.5-acre haven of tranquil beauty nestled in the scenic west hills of Portland. The garden is composed of five distinct garden styles.

OREGON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY (OMSI) (not shown on map)

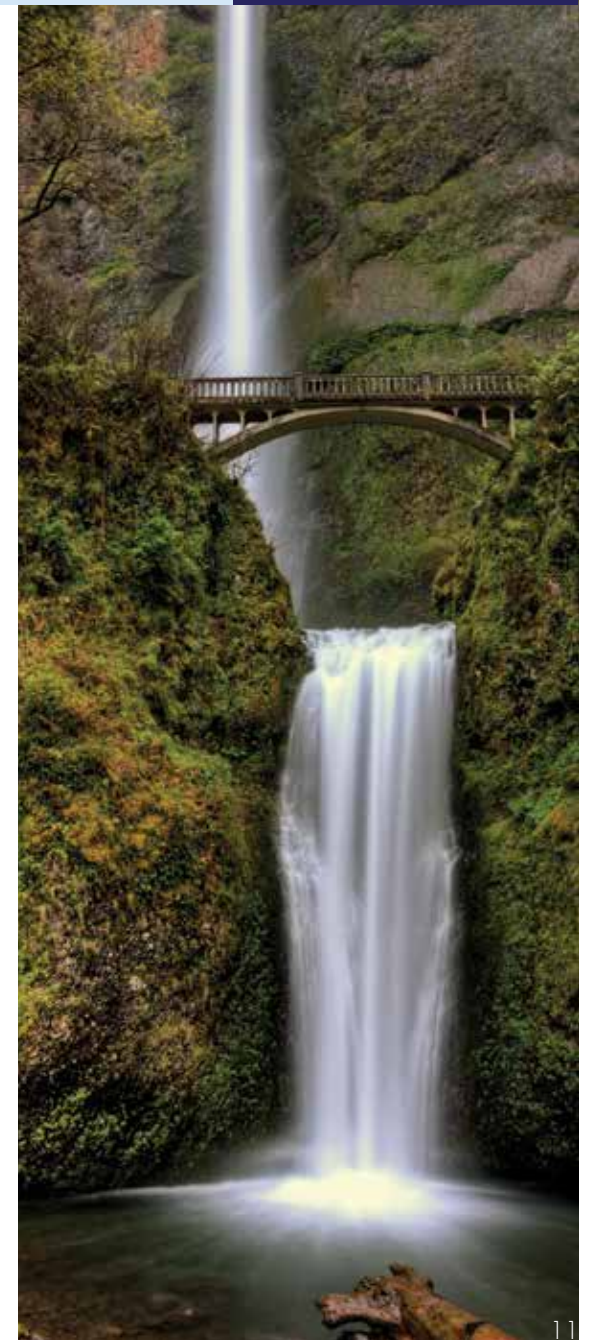


1945 S.E. Water Ave. / 503.797.4000  
One of the nation's leading science museums, OMSI is 219,000 square feet of brain-powered fun. Five enormous halls bring science to life with hundreds of interactive exhibits and displays. Located on the east bank of the Willamette River along the scenic Eastbank Esplanade.



COUNTRY	SCHOOL	COUNTRY	SCHOOL
Albania	Medgar Evers College	France	The University of Texas at Dallas
Angola	Western Washington University	Germany	Willamette University
Argentina	University of Bridgeport	Guatemala	Seattle University
Australia	Clark College	Haiti	Western Washington University
Austria	University of Victoria	India	Bellevue College
Azerbaijan	MacEwan University	Indonesia	California State University, Channel Islands
Belarus	Medgar Evers College	Iran, Islamic Republic of	San Francisco State University
Benin	Reed College	Ireland	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Bolivia	California State University, Channel Islands	Israel	Willamette University
Botswana	University of Tsukuba	Italy	Western Oregon University
Brazil	Gonzaga University	Japan	San Francisco State University
Bulgaria	San Francisco State University	Kazakhstan	Clark College
Cameroon (ECOSOC)	University of Washington, Seattle	Kenya	California State University, Channel Islands
Canada	The University of Texas at Dallas	Kuwait	MacEwan University
Chile	Medgar Evers College	Kyrgyzstan (GA, ECOSOC)	Medgar Evers College
China	University of Victoria	Kyrgyzstan (UNEP)	MacEwan University
Colombia	Clark College	Libya	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Congo	San Francisco State University	Luxembourg	University of British Columbia
Costa Rica	Lewis and Clark College	Malawi	University of British Columbia
Croatia (ECOSOC)	Kwantlen Polytechnic University	Malaysia	Western Washington University
Croatia (GA)	San Francisco State University	Maldives	University of Washington, Seattle
Croatia (UNEP)	ONG Humanitaire et Droit de l'Homme	Mexico	Lewis and Clark College
Cuba	The University of Texas at Dallas	Morocco	Seattle University
Czech Republic	University of British Columbia	Nepal	University of Washington, Seattle
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	Bellevue College	Netherlands	Western Washington University
Denmark	University of Puget Sound	New Zealand	Bellevue College
Ecuador	University of Washington, Seattle	Nicaragua	Reed College
Egypt	San Francisco State University	Nigeria	Lewis and Clark College
El Salvador (ECOSOC)	San Francisco State University	Pakistan	Gonzaga University
Ethiopia (ECOSOC)	The University of Texas at Dallas	Palestine	University of Washington, Seattle
Ethiopia (GA)	Umea University	Peru	San Francisco State University
Ethiopia (HRC)	McMaster University	Philippines	Medgar Evers College
Ethiopia (UNEP)	ITM	Poland	University of Washington, Seattle

COUNTRY	SCHOOL
Qatar	University of Washington, Seattle
Republic of Korea	Willamette University
Romania	Western Oregon University
Russian Federation	Western Washington University
Rwanda	Bellevue College
Saudi Arabia	California State University, Channel Islands
Senegal	Bahcesehir University
Sierra Leone	University of British Columbia
South Africa	Bellevue College
Spain	Western Washington University
Sudan	Western Washington University
Sweden	Gonzaga University
Switzerland	Reed College
Syrian Arab Republic	Norwalk Community College
Thailand	University of Washington, Seattle
Togo	Western Oregon University
Tunisia	Clark College
Turkey	University of Tsukuba
Turkmenistan	Western Oregon University
Uganda	University of Puget Sound
United Arab Emirates	Western Washington University
United Kingdom	University of Washington, Seattle
United States of America	California State University, Channel Islands
Venezuela	Bellevue College







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Sara Leister, Director

Conference Services:

Alvin Loong, Director  
Anton Lukyanov, Auric Kaur, Melia Manter

## Recognition

Opening Ceremony Keynote Speaker:

David Austin, Program Director, Mercy Corps operations in North Korea

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Prof. Richard Murgu, President

Michael Eaton, Executive Director

Paul VanCura, Jess Hopeman, Jeri Lu Mattson

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E-Creative Solutions

Bonnie Middleton and the Staff of the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel

Distinguished Speakers

The Volunteer Staff of NMUN•NW



David Austin  
Mercy Corps

### DELEGATES

While participating in the National Model UN conference, delegates have a responsibility to always maintain the highest level of professionalism and diplomacy. Conference staff, faculty advisors, and fellow delegates should be treated with the highest level of courtesy and respect. Professionalism in speech, actions, and appearance by delegates is a requirement of this conference, and necessary to its educational mission. It is assumed that all delegates will respect the property of the host hotel.

NMUN reserves the right to restrict future registration for any participant or school, whose delegates or faculty advisors are not able to uphold their responsibility to the conference's code of conduct.

#### Delegates are expected to:

- 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 when possible.
- Be courteous and professional at all times.
- Attend all committee sessions.
- Avoid the consumption of alcohol and other drugs in committee sessions. Any issues related to illicit drugs will be immediately directed to the attention of local authorities.

Delegates who disrupt committee sessions or create problems in the hotel may be barred from further participation in the conference.

Delegates are encouraged to enjoy the variety of activities available at our conference venues. Please bear in mind, however, the purpose of being here is participation in NMUN and failure to attend committee sessions may result in your withdrawal from the conference.

If you are going to drink, please drink responsibly. Excessive alcohol consumption should be avoided. The US legal drinking age is 21.

### HEAD DELEGATES

Head delegates provide leadership to their delegates and to other delegations by serving as information resources. They should attend and participate in head delegate meetings. Head delegates may be assigned to a committee or may serve solely in an advisory role. Head delegates assigned to a committee should observe the delegate code of conduct. Those not assigned to a particular committee should interact with delegates as would a faculty advisor.

### FACULTY ADVISORS

The role of faculty advisors, while at the conference, is to make all efforts to see that their students maintain a positive and professional approach to the conference. The educational quality of the conference is primarily dependent on the active and professional participation of all delegates. Faculty advisors can ensure this by monitoring the attendance of their students at committee meetings and helping them understand the skills of diplomacy as practiced at National Model United Nations. Faculty advisors must maintain the highest level of professionalism toward all conference participants and staff.

During the conference, faculty advisors are encouraged to advise students on specific questions such as a state's policy or issues of international law, but must not participate in the actual writing of resolutions or caucusing activities. NMUN allows students an opportunity to demonstrate their preparation and research skills. While faculty advisors are encouraged to observe their students from the back of committee rooms, participation in the committee process must be left to the student delegates and the conference staff.

#### Faculty Advisors are expected to:

- Provide leadership to their delegates and to other delegations by serving as information resources when appropriate.
- Respond to questions and concerns without interfering with the work of the committees or the deliberations of delegates, whether in formal session or in caucus.
- Refrain from using academic credit and grading policies that force participation beyond that country's normal position in the UN.
- Remind their delegates of the educational purpose of the simulation. Awards should not be a delegation's main emphasis.
- Attend and participate in faculty advisors meetings.
- Offer suggestions and assistance to new faculty advisors.

### DRESS CODE

All clothing must adhere to guidelines that portray professionalism and modesty. If a delegate's attire is deemed inappropriate by NMUN staff, the delegate will be asked to leave the session and return with appropriate attire.

- Standard delegate attire for the conference is business jacket, slacks, skirt, dress shirt (with tie for men) and dress shoes.
- Dress sweaters, shorts, ball caps, jeans, sneakers and sunglasses are considered too casual. Clothes that expose excessive bare skin or are otherwise revealing are inappropriate.
- It is not appropriate for delegates to display any national symbols such as flags, pins, crests, etc. on their person during sessions. UN symbols are acceptable.

Western business dress is preferred. Traditional dress is only permitted for international delegates in whose native countries "professional business dress" includes traditional cultural dress. NMUN will not tolerate any delegate's attempt to portray a "character" using traditional cultural attire as costume.

As role models for delegates, volunteer staff, faculty advisors and guests are required to dress in western business attire while participating in scheduled conference sessions.

### SEXUAL HARASSMENT / DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the intention of the NCCA that the environment of National Model United Nations supports our educational goal. The organizers will not tolerate any instances of discrimination based on race, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age or disability.

If any delegate, staff or faculty advisor believes they have encountered discrimination, which results in a hostile working environment or disparate treatment, they must bring it to the attention of the Secretary-General of the conference. In the event that this is not possible, they must bring it to the attention of the organizers. The NCCA will investigate the merits of the allegations, interviewing all parties involved.

Based on the findings, organizers may:

- take no action
- issue a verbal reprimand
- separate the individual from the conference
- implement any other action deemed appropriate

See [nmun.org/policies\\_codes.html](http://nmun.org/policies_codes.html) for information on the procedure for addressing code of conduct violations.

## Delegation Awards

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/nw\\_recognition.html](http://nmun.org/nw_recognition.html).



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See you next November!



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 caucus 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	Tables 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  Part I: Procedural vote on if this motion should be considered  Part II: Substantive vote to accept/reject separated clauses	2 pro / 2 con  None	Majority  Majority	Voted on in order of most to least radical change If passes: Clause(s) removed and voted on separately If fails: No change to clause(s) Clause(s) separated out and voted on as an annex to the original draft resolution If passes: Annex passes If fails: Cause(s) discarded and no longer part of any draft resolution
**Roll Call Vote (Used in voting only)	Vote by roll call, rather than show placards	None	None	Automatically granted once requested
**Adopt by Acclamation (Used in voting only)	Pass a draft Resolution or draft Report Segment as a body by consensus	None	Majority	Once motioned Chair must ask if there are any dissensions
Reconsideration	Re-open debate on an issue (Motion must be made by Member that voted for Adjournment of Debate)	2 con	2/3 Majority	Untables topic that was tabled by Adjournment of Debate
Set Speakers' Time*	Set or change the Speakers' Time Limit	2 pro / 2 con	Majority	It is very rarely used at the UN and may be ruled out of order by the Chair
Close the Speakers List (or re-open a closed list)	No additional speakers (added to speakers' list)	None	Majority	No new speakers can be added to the list. Once the list is exhausted, the committee will automatically go into voting procedure
Adoption of the Agenda	Approval of agenda order	None	Majority	The approved agenda establishes the order in which the topics will be discussed

\* No motions to set the speaker's time will be accepted during the first committee session; these motions will be accepted in subsequent sessions upon prior approval of the dais.

\*\* Only these Motions are accepted during voting procedure