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Committees and Topics

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

1. Energy Transition and Electrification
2. Water Security

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

1. Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure
2. Biodiversity and Health

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

1. Sustainable Tourism and World Heritage Sites
2. Strengthening Culture and Arts Education

United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

1. Achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11
2. Creating Inclusive Cities for the Elderly



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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

MESSAGE TO THE NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS
(NMUN • Galápagos)

Galápagos, 22 Nov. – 1 Dec. 2024

Thank you for taking part in this Model United Nations conference and for believing in the power of global cooperation to solve global problems.

Our world needs your engagement and ideas more than ever.

We are living through extremely difficult times.

Conflicts are raging, tensions are rising, and our planet is burning.

Humanitarian needs are at record highs and human rights are under relentless assault.

Hate speech, misinformation and disinformation spread like wildfire on social media.

More than ever, we need global solidarity.

We need the United Nations.

And the United Nations needs you – your energy, creativity, courage, and commitment.

Together, I know we have what it takes to solve our shared challenges.

To heal divisions, repair relations, and build peace.

To extend a helping hand to all those engulfed by war, climate catastrophe and hunger.

To ensure justice and equality for the world’s women and girls and all marginalized communities, particularly the world’s most vulnerable.

And to expand opportunities for all, leaving no one behind.

We at the United Nations will never give up in our quest for a more peaceful and just world.

And I know you won’t either.

That’s why I am fully committed to giving young people a much stronger voice in international affairs.

The United Nations is proud to be your ally. And we count on you to be a force for positive change, now and in the future.

I wish you every success.

Thank you.

António Guterres
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Dear Delegates, Faculty Advisors, Guests, and Friends,

It is with great excitement that National Model United Nations (NMUN) and Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ), welcome you to Ecuador for the 2024 National Model United Nations Galápagos conference! The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) describes the Galápagos Archipelago as a 'living museum and showcase of evolution' recognizing the Galápagos as a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site, since September 1978. The Galápagos Archipelago, also known as the 'Enchanted Islands', is among the first twelve World Heritage sites and is home to unique species found nowhere else on earth. The Galápagos National Park is one of the largest marine protected areas in the world and helped inspire Charles Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection and later, in part, his publication On the Origin of Species. It is a privilege to visit this important archipelago that is scientifically and biologically diverse and serves as an important reminder of our collective responsibility to protect, conserve, and revere the wonderful natural treasures of the world.

We encourage delegates to search for inspiration and new creative ideas by immersing themselves in the ecological riches that the islands have to offer. Amidst the awe-inspiring beauty of the Galápagos Islands, delegates will not only have the opportunity to discuss real-world challenges through diplomacy but also participate in community service projects that will have a long-lasting impact in the San Cristóbal community.

In the thick of one of the most biodiverse ecosystems around the world delegates will see first-hand how people have learned new ways to coexist with nature, conserving the Galápagos' natural habitat and protecting it from external threats. As the human population on the Galápagos Islands expands, the balance between social and economic development and ecological conservation is an ongoing challenge that demands an innovative and sustainable approach. Like many Natural World Heritage Sites, the Galápagos' main threats are increased tourism and development, invasive species, illegal fishing, and governance. During the conference, you will have the opportunity to discuss these challenges, and more, that face the natural wonders of the world, and we encourage you to think of creative and actionable solutions.

As you prepare for the conference and work in committee we hope that, like Darwin, you find inspiration from the Galápagos Islands and take that into your work during our conference and into your life after. NMUN conferences are an invaluable opportunity to meet new people, push yourself outside of your comfort zone, to learn and to grow. We are so excited to share this week with each and every one of you and it is our sincerest hope that this experience is as transformational for you as it is for us.

Sincerely,

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NMUN • Galápagos 2024

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Friday, 22 November 2024

All Day Arrive in Quito, Ecuador Free Hotel Shuttle Buses

Saturday, 23 November 2024

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. NMUN Conference Registration Wyndham/Eurobuilding Hotel Lobbies
(one person does this for your entire delegation, bring signed waivers)

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Study Tour: Mitad del Mundo/Museo Intiñan Wyndham/Eurobuilding Hotel Lobbies
(board buses no later than 9:30) Box Lunch Provided (buses depart the sites promptly at 3 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony and Welcome Dinner Universidad San Francisco de Quito
(board buses no later than 6 p.m.) (casual business attire required, see p. 15) (buses depart USFQ around 10 p.m.)

Sunday, 24 November 2024

4:40 a.m. (Group 1) Board the Hotel Shuttle to the Airport Wyndham/Eurobuilding Hotel Lobbies
9:00 a.m. (Group 2) (leave no later than the time listed for your group to allow time for luggage inspection and security)

7:40 a.m. – 10:04 a.m. **Group 1:** Flight from Quito to San Cristóbal Mariscal Sucre International Airport
12:00 p.m. – 2:39 p.m. **Group 2:** Flight from Quito to San Cristóbal

Monday, 25 November 2024

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Committee Sessions 1 See Committee Locations Below
(casual business dress starts)

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Lunch Break (included) 2nd Floor, USFQ San Cristóbal Campus

2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Committee Sessions 2 See Committee Locations Below

Tuesday, 26 November 2024

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Committee Sessions 3 See Committee Locations Below

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Lunch Break (included) 2nd Floor, USFQ San Cristóbal Campus

2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Committee Sessions 4 See Committee Locations Below

Wednesday, 27 November 2024

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Committee Sessions 5 See Committee Locations Below

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Lunch Break (included) 2nd Floor, USFQ San Cristóbal Campus

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Committee Sessions 6 See Committee Locations Below

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Closing Ceremony Centro de Convenciones

Committee Locations - USFQ San Cristóbal Campus

UNDP	United Nations Development Programme	1st Floor, Room 2
UNEA	United Nations Environment Assembly	Ground Fl., Common Area, Galápagos Science Center
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	1st Floor, Room 3
UN-Habitat	United Nations Human Settlements Programme.....	1st Floor, Room 1
	Faculty Room	1st Floor, Room 6

Thursday, 28 November 2024

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Community Service Projects Plazoleta Municipal
(a range of environmental and community development projects) (near Umami)
Box Lunch Provided

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. U.S. Thanksgiving Dinner Hotel Indigo
(included for all registered attendees)

Friday, 29 November and Saturday, 30 November 2024

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Study Tour: Discover Galápagos by Sea Hotel Lobbies
Group 1: Friday Cruise to Kicker Rock to snorkel with and learn (departure time listed in handout)
Group 2: Saturday about sharks, large rays, tropical fish, sea turtles, sea lions, and many other unique species. Then soak up the island's natural beauty on a hidden beach. Box Lunch Provided

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Study Tour: Discover Galápagos by Land Hotel Lobbies
Group 1: Saturday Experience the lush highlands at El Junco lagoon.
Group 2: Friday Discover Galapaguera de Cerro Colorado, dedicated to the conservation of giant tortoises and their babies. Relax at Puerto Chino, a white sand swimming beach. Box Lunch Provided

Sunday, 1 December 2024

8:00 a.m. (Group 1) Airport Bus Departure for Flight Back to Quito Hotel Lobbies
12:45 p.m. (Group 2) (buses leave at the time listed, so your group has time for luggage inspection and security)

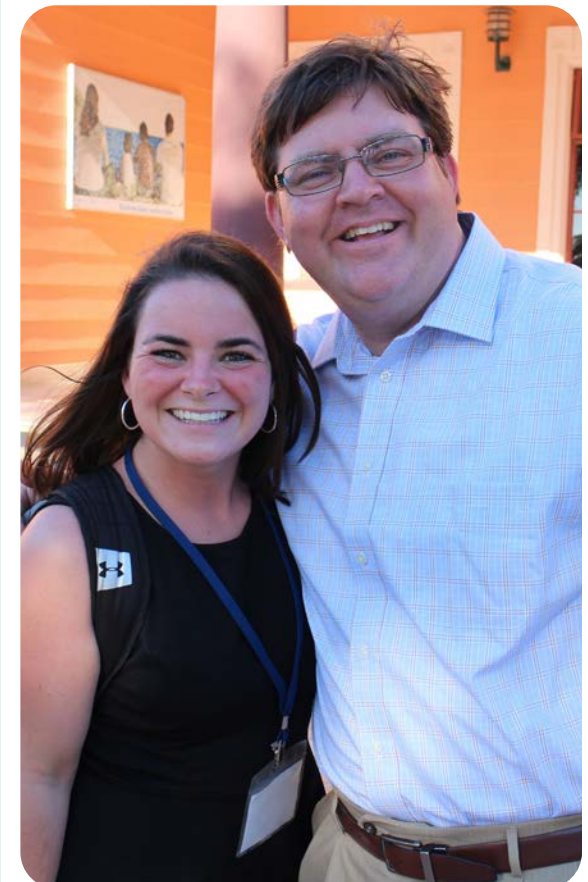
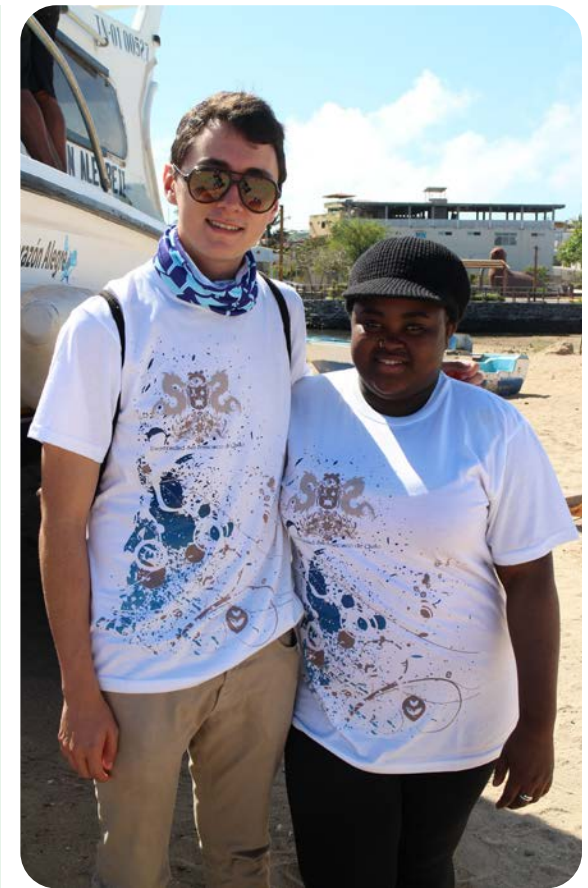
10:44 a.m. – 2:57 p.m. **Group 1:** Flight from San Cristóbal to Quito San Cristóbal Airport
3:20 p.m. – 7:33 p.m. **Group 2:** Flight from San Cristóbal to Quito

Sun. p.m./Mon. a.m. Journey Home On Your Own
(Many international flights depart after midnight, if yours does, book a Monday flight.)



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NMUN • Galápagos Delegations

Member State	School	From	Member State	School	From
Angola	University of New Hampshire	USA	Kenya	University of Texas at Dallas	USA
Argentina	University of New Haven	USA	Mexico	West Virginia University	USA
Australia	University of New Haven	USA	Myanmar	Stockton University	USA
Bangladesh	Weber State University	USA	Nigeria	Amherst College	USA
Bolivia	West Virginia University	USA	Norway	University of Texas at Dallas	USA
Brazil	Monash University	AUS	Pakistan	Stockton University	USA
Cameroon	Universidad San Francisco de Quito	ECU	Peru	Washburn University	USA
Canada	King's College	USA	Portugal	The University of Arkansas	USA
China	University of Texas at Dallas	USA	Qatar	Georgia State University	USA
Colombia	West Virginia University	USA	Republic of Korea	Baylor University	USA
Costa Rica	Monash University	AUS	Russian Federation	University of New Hampshire	USA
Côte D'Ivoire	University of New Hampshire	USA	Saudi Arabia	University Erfurt	DEU
Ecuador	Baylor University	USA	Slovakia	Monash University	AUS
Egypt	Washburn University	USA	South Africa	Universidad San Francisco de Quito	ECU
Ethiopia	The University of Arkansas	USA	Spain	The University of Arkansas	USA
France	MacEwan University	CAN	Sudan	Universidad San Francisco de Quito	ECU
Germany	Stockton University	USA	Sweden	University Erfurt	DEU
Iceland	McMurry University	USA	Türkiye	MacEwan University	CAN
India	Weber State University	USA	United Arab Emirates	University of Texas at Dallas	USA
Iran	The University of Kitakyushu	JPN	United Kingdom	Washburn University	USA
Italy	University of New Haven	USA	United States of America	Cusanuswerk	DEU
Japan	The University of Arkansas	USA	Viet Nam	Baylor University	USA
Kazakhstan	Washburn University	USA			

Abbreviations for where each school is located are from the [UN Statistics Division](#).



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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, faculty, delegation leaders, guests, secretariat, staff, and board members) is a requirement of all NMUN conferences. These guidelines are provided to help establish clear expectations.

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. The drinking age in Ecuador is 18.
- 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 our host hotels, USFQ, and all 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.

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 outer perimeter 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.

Guests

- Guests are required to adhere to the same expectations as all other conference attendees.
- Guests serve as observers.
- Guests may not 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/child of a faculty advisor, or a funder who is interested in learning about NMUN.

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 conference facilities. Refrain from any sort of substance abuse. Use common sense.

In the event of an emergency in the hotel or other venues, 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. The emergency number in Ecuador is 911.

Undiplomatic Behavior, Sexual Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Violence

Disrespectful behaviors in committee should first be addressed by attendees directly with one another or through their faculty advisor or delegation leader. Repeated instances of undiplomatic behavior may be called to the attention of conference organizers by faculty advisors or delegation leaders.

Sexual harassment and discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, or disability are not acceptable. Such acts are incompatible with NMUN's educational mission and are a violation of our Conduct Expectations. General descriptions of behavior that may be considered sexual harassment can be found in the UN's [Code of Conduct](#).

Serious incidents of sexual harassment or discrimination may be referred to conference organizers. Conference organizers will consider the merits of the allegations received during a conference and respond appropriately. Outcomes may include issuing a verbal reprimand, expelling violators from the conference without compensation, barring violators from future NMUN involvement, or any other action deemed appropriate. Allegations received after a conference will generally be referred to the involved delegations' academic institutions. If they notify us of a determination of guilt, NMUN may take any of the actions listed above.

Sexual violence, which includes rape and sexual assault, is a crime punishable under the criminal justice system. Anyone who believes they are the victim of sexual violence, or have witnessed actual or attempted sexual violence should contact law enforcement and notify NMUN. To ensure the safety of all NMUN participants, we will immediately remove potential violators from the conference and may take further action. We encourage all participants to review their campus sexual violence handbook for further information on sexual violence and resources available for victims.



Dress Code

All clothing must portray professionalism as expected in diplomatic settings. If attire is deemed inappropriate by NMUN staff, individuals may be asked to leave the session and return with appropriate attire.

- Casual business attire will be followed at this conference. This includes short-sleeved shirts, polo shirts, dress shirts, slacks, khakis, skirts, dresses, and dress shoes/sandals. Professional casual dress expectations require that dresses and skirts be knee-length or longer. Delegates should be dressed in casual business attire that reflects their self-identified gender.
- Clothing considered too casual includes t-shirts, novelty jackets, shorts, ball caps, jeans, sneakers, athletic wear, swim wear, and sunglasses. Clothing that exposes excessive bare skin, shows undergarments, or is otherwise revealing is inappropriate.
- It is not appropriate to display any school or national symbols such as flags, pins, crests, etc. on your person during sessions. All UN symbols are acceptable.
- Traditional dress is permitted only for delegations in whose home countries it is considered professional business dress. NMUN will not tolerate any attempt to portray a character using traditional cultural attire as a costume.

Faculty advisors, delegation leaders, guests, and volunteer staff serve as role models for delegates. They too are required to dress in casual business attire while participating in scheduled conference sessions.





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Awards Criteria

NMUN has established [Awards Criteria](#) to evaluate 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:

- Active Engagement in Committee — during both formal sessions and informal caucuses.
- Professionalism and Diplomatic Values — advocate for your assigned country's position in a manner consistent with its economic, social, and geopolitical constraints.
- Proper Use of the Rules of Procedure — facilitate effective workings of the committee and debate; do not impede it.



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 an initial decision of the Chair on a Point of Order	None	Majority	Question the Chair's ruling on a Point of Order
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 in Favor 2 Against	Majority	Ends debate on the topic; requires a recorded vote
Closure of Debate	Vote on all draft resolutions; move to an immediate vote	2 Against	2/3 Majority	Ends all discussion on current topic
* Division of the Proposal (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 disruptive change
	Part 1: Procedural vote on if this motion should be considered	2 in Favor 2 Against	Majority	If passes: Clause(s) removed and voted on separately If fails: No change to clause(s)
	Part 2: Substantive vote to accept or reject separate clauses	None	Majority	If passes: Annex passes If fails: Clause(s) discarded and no longer part of any draft resolution
* Request Recorded Vote (Used in voting only)	Document the votes of committee members; the default is to adopt by consensus	None	None	Granted upon request without deliberation; electronic voting replaces Roll Call votes; other motions may still be considered
Reconsideration	Reopen debate on an issue (Motion must be made by a member who voted in favor of Adjournment of Debate)	2 Against	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 in Favor 2 Against	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	No additional speakers may be added to the list	None	Majority	Once a closed list is exhausted, the committee goes directly into voting procedure
Reopen the Speakers List	Open a closed list	None	Majority	Reopens the list; allows more speakers to be added
Adoption of the Agenda	Approval of agenda order	None	Majority	Sets the order in which topics will be discussed

* Only these motions are recognized during voting procedure.