



Administrative Guide

14th Annual AUSMUN

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is our distinct pleasure to invite you to the 14th Annual American University of Sharjah Model United Nations Conference (AUSMUN). Held at the Islamic Capital of the UAE, Sharjah. AUSMUN is one of the largest conferences across the United Arab Emirates. Our conference is largely diverse and encompasses more than 1000 multi-ethnic participants every year.

Throughout the three-day event, AUSMUN strives 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 25th to the 27th of February 2021 at the American University of Sharjah.

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In light of the current circumstances relating to COVID-19, each delegate will have to pay a registration deposit amounting to AED 50 for early registration, and AED 100 for normal registration. Shall the conference be held on campus, all delegates will be required to pay an additional 100 AED prior to the conference as indicated for on the official AUSMUN'21 website.

Lastly, please contact us if you would like to inquire about visas, accommodations, and/or flights. 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.

Kind
Regards,

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Conference Details

Theme: Adapting to a new normal, promoting resilience.

Committee Line- up

1. GA 1: Disarmament
2. GA2: Economic and Financial Committee
3. GA 3: Social and Humanitarian and Cultural
4. GA 4: Political and Decolonization
5. SC - University
6. SC - High School
7. ITU
8. ICJ (University)
9. UNODC
10. IMF
11. UNDP
12. ILO
13. UNHCR
14. CSW
15. UNHRC
16. UNICEF
17. UNEP
18. FAO
19. WTO
20. WHO
21. Arab League
22. African Union
23. UNESCO
24. Arab League (Arabic)
25. UNEP (Arabic)

Costs for Registration:

Early Registration: An initial deposit of 50 AED -Applicable from the 18th of October to the 12th of November 2020.

Normal Registration: An initial deposit of AED 100 -Applicable from the 13th of November to the 17th of December 2020.

Advisory Fee: For every 20 delegates, 1 free advisor is permitted. Any additional advisor will be charged a fee of AED 100.

Note: We are monitoring the situation with **COVID-19** and are consistently communicating with our faculty advisers to ensure that AUSMUN 2021 takes place in accordance with the respected guidelines and safety precautions. However, if the conference took place on campus then an additional fee of **AED 100** will apply to the deposited amount.

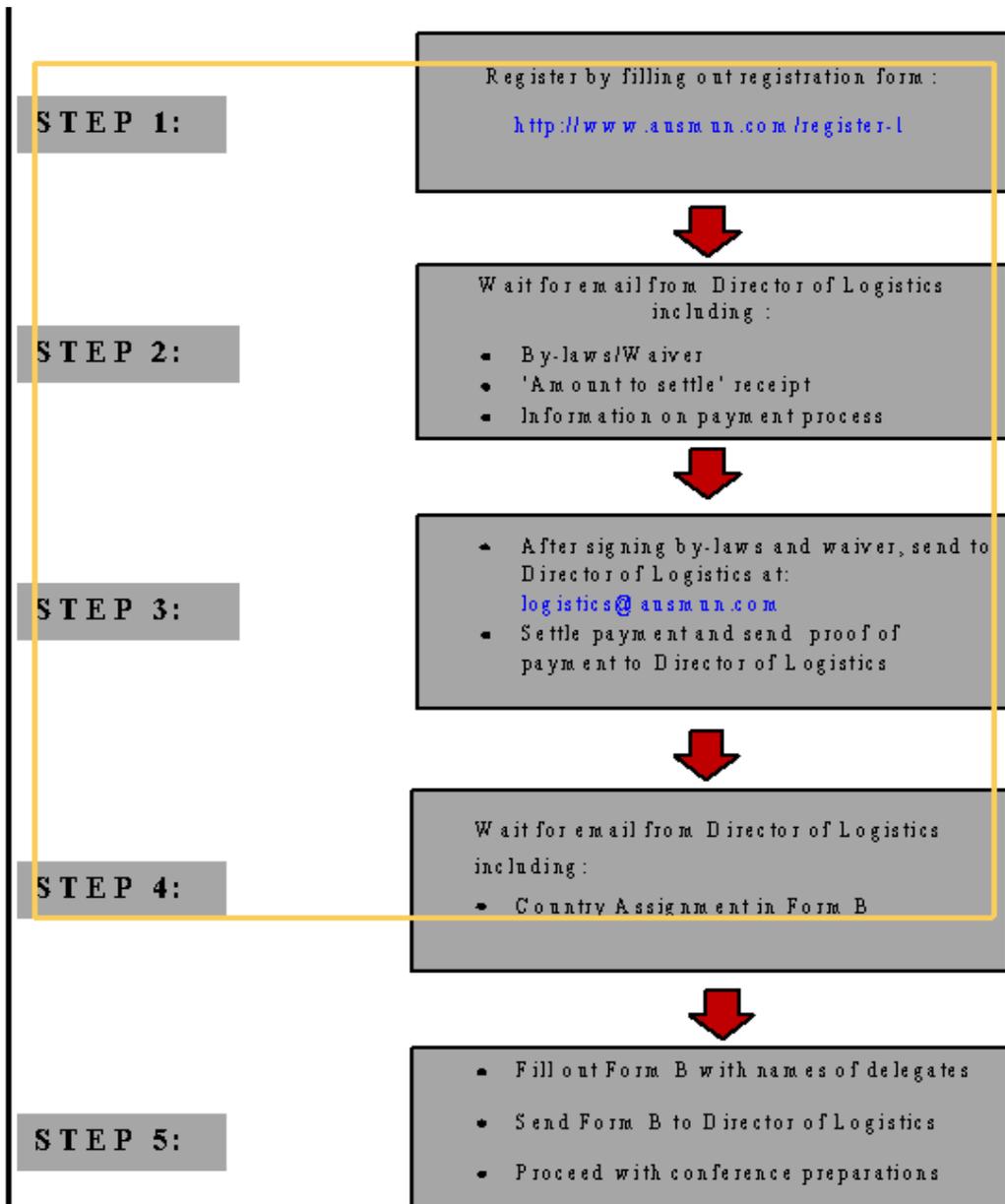
Deadlines:

- Name changes and name amendments will not be permitted after 17th of December 2020.
- No applications will be accepted after the 17th of December 2020.

General Information:

- Schools are not permitted to bring their own photographers nor observers.
- For international delegates, hotel and airfare booking is their own responsibility. However, we highly recommend “**Centro Rotana Hotel**” due to its close proximity to the American University of Sharjah campus. The hotel is around 10 minutes away from “Sharjah International Airport”. The price range is around 300AED- 800 AED per night inclusive of breakfast. To book your hotel room now, please visit this link: <https://www.rotana.com/centrohotels/unitedarabemirates/sharjah/centrosharjah>
- During the conference, strict COVID 19 restrictions shall be imposed, including social distancing, wearing masks and gloves, regular sanitizing, and restricted gathering. Both delegates and faculty advisors must produce valid COVID-19 test results at entry.

AUSMUN Registration Process 2020-2021:



About Us

American University of Sharjah

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. (<https://www.aus.edu/aus-at-a-glance>)

American University of Sharjah 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 United Arab Emirates shared a similar experience with the birth of AUSMUN. In a course of months, students from AUS worked relentlessly 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 strive to replicate that remarkable feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction each year.

Topics at AUSMUN 2021

1. GA 1: Disarmament

- Threats to Global Security from Stockpiling and Testing Nuclear Weapons
- Militarization of Outer Space and the Possibility of a 'Space' Arms Race

2. GA2: Economic and Financial Committee

- Disproportionate Economic Impacts of Climate Change on Developing Economies
- Mitigating the impacts of COVID 19 on Small-Medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and Businesses

3. GA 3: Social and Humanitarian and Cultural

- Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination against Refugees, Immigrants and Indigenous Populations
- The Question of Non-Refoulement of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons.

4. GA 4: Political and Decolonization

- Acknowledging the Calls for Independence Among Various Non-Self-Governing Territories
- The role of natural resources in inducing financial conflicts

Peace & Security [6]:

5. SC - University

- Suppressing the migration of foreign fighters and tightening financial flows to extremist organizations
- Discussing the implications of Hong-Kong's extradition to Mainland China

6. SC - High School:

- Addressing the increasing tensions in the Korean peninsula
- Relieving the political crisis in Afghanistan

7. International Telecommunications Union

- Ethical and legal implications of emerging technologies
- Improving internet penetration and communication infrastructure, especially for Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

8. ICJ (University):

- Interpretation of Genocide Convention and Rohingya Genocide (Myanmar vs Gambia)
- Iranian assets and disputes based on Treaty of Amity, Economic Relations and Consular Rights (US vs Iran)

9. UNODC

- Eliminating drug trafficking in Latin America
- The Issue of Human Trafficking, Migrant Smuggling, and Organ cartels and its implications on the Sustainable Development Goals

Economic & Social [5]:

10. IMF

- Consequences and feasibility of nationally/formally recognizing cryptocurrencies
- Strategies for reversing the COVID 19 induced recession

11. UNDP

- COVID-19 and exacerbating global inequalities in human development
- The Challenge of Addressing Extremist Ideologies.

12. ILO

- Ensuring Safety and the Sustainability of businesses and jobs in the COVID 19 era.
- Providing Opportunities for People of Determination in the Global Economy.

Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs [5]:

13. UNHCR

- Protecting the rights of people displaced populations in the Middle East during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Right to Family Life and Family Unity of Refugees.

14. Commission on Status of Women

- Questioning traditional and customary practices which infringe upon health and safety of women and girls
- The disproportionate effects of the COVID Pandemic on women

15. UNICEF

- Curbing the ideological indoctrination of children in politically unstable and violent regions
- Reforming education systems and the question of standardized testing

Development [5]:**16. UNEP**

- The question of combating, preventing and regulating illicit trafficking of wildlife, forests and protected flora.
- Viability of Carbon trading, carbon markets and the rights to pollute

17. FAO

- Food aid to sanctioned countries: providing for neglected populations.
- Implications of economic policies for food security

18. WTO

- Threats of Trade wars and protectionism on global shipping.
- Disruptions to global supply chain networks due to COVID 19

19. WHO

- Evaluating WHO's response to the pandemic and improving response to future crises.
- Trafficking of falsified medical products (especially during health crises like COVID 19)

20. UNESCO

- Promoting inclusive education policies in the global landscape
- Upholding freedom of expression in light of recent events of attacks against journalists

Special Committees:**21. Arab League**

- The Question of Israel-Palestine
- Discussing strategies to promote Gender equality within the MENA Region

22. African Union

- Making "Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want" a Reality
- The Nile Dam Issue between Sudan-Ethiopia-Egypt

Arabic Committees:

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Good Luck!

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