



MACMUN 2026

DELEGATE HANDBOOK



Letter from Co-Secretary Generals

Esteemed Delegates, Advisors, and Organisers,

It is with great honour and privilege that we welcome you all to the eleventh annual McMaster Model United Nations (MACMUN) Conference. It is truly our pleasure to serve you as your Co-Secretary Generals of MACMUN 2026.

MACMUN 2026 has been built with intention. From the committees we have designed to the crises you will navigate, every element reflects our commitment to education and cooperation. We have worked hard to create an environment that pushes you intellectually while supporting you personally. This is where diplomacy is practised as a skill and as a responsibility.

Each of you arrives with your own voice and experiences, and it is precisely that difference of thought that will define this year's conference. As you step into committee rooms, we encourage you to do more than represent your assigned country. Listen deeply. Speak boldly. Collaborate sincerely. The true value of MUN lies not in awards or resolutions alone, but in the growth that comes from working with ideas different from your own and finding common ground where none seemed possible.

Whether this is your first conference or one of many, we hope MACMUN 2026 challenges you, inspires you, and leaves you more confident in your ability to shape the conversations that matter.

On behalf of the entire Secretariat, thank you for being part of this journey. We are honoured to host you, and we cannot wait to see the impact you will make. Welcome to MACMUN 2026.

With anticipation and appreciation,

Oneli Liyanaarachchi and Edward Hagerman
Co-Secretary Generals
MACMUN 2026



Conference Schedule

Friday, March 6th, 2026

Time	Event	Room
4:30-6:30pm	Registration	CNH lobby
6-6:30pm	Opening Ceremony	CNH B107
6:30-8:30pm	Committee Session #1	PGCLL

Saturday, March 7th, 2026

Time	Event	Room
10:30-12:30pm	Committee Session #2	PGCLL
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch	
1:30-3:30pm	Committee Session #3	PGCLL
3:30-4:15pm	Break	
4:15-6:15pm	Committee session #4	PGCLL
7:00-10:30pm	Delegate Social	Phoenix

Conference Social

Delegates are invited to join MACMUN Staff and Secretariat on the McMaster Campus on Saturday, March 7th for a night of fun, food and drinks!

Sunday, March 8th, 2026

Time	Event	Room
Committee Session #5	10:30-12:30pm	PGCLL
Break	12:30pm-1:30pm	
Committee Session #6	1:30-2:30pm	PGCLL
Closing Ceremonies	2:30-3:30pm	MDCL 1102

Chester New Hall (CNH)

Peter George Centre for Living and Learning (PGCLL)

Michael Degroote Centre for Learning and Discovery (MDCL)

COMMITTEE ROOMS



UNEP
PGCLL M24



UNICEF
PGCLL M12



Hunger Games
PGCLL M22



Red Scare
PGCLL M25

RULES AND PROCEDURE GUIDELINES

We recognize that for many of you, this may be your first time attending a Model UN conference.

On the next page we have provided a couple of "cheat sheets" for you to reference throughout your time at the conference.



Terminology

Motions:

Primary Speaker's List: The default at the beginning of a committee's debate. Used to select the topic of discussion.

Secondary Speaker's List: The default at the beginning of a committee's debate once the topic has been selected. From here, motions for a Caucus are generally in order.

Speaker's List: A list that determines the order in which delegates will speak. The Chair will create a speaker's list by asking all delegates wishing to speak to raise their placards and calling on them one at a time.

Moderated Caucus: A type of debate in which delegates remain seated and the Chair calls on them one at a time to speak for a short period of time. When motioning for a Moderated Caucus, a total time and individual speaking time should be set.

Unmoderated Caucus: A type of debate in which delegates may leave their seats to mingle and speak freely. Enables the free sharing of ideas to an extent not possible in a Moderated Caucus. Frequently used to write working papers and draft resolutions.

Points:

Point of Order: This is used when you witness either the chair or another delegate making An error in procedure.

Point of Inquiry: This is used when you need to ask for some type of clarification from either the Chair or another delegate regarding something that was previously said.

Point of Personal Privilege: This is used when you need to request a change in the debate room that may be impacting your ability to participate in the debate. Examples include the turning on/o of lights, closing/opening blinds, if you cannot hear a speaker, etc. NOTE: This is the only point that can be used to interrupt another speaker.

Right of Reply: This can only be used if a previously speaking delegate has insulted you personally in some manner. This point cannot be used if another delegate is simply disagreeing with you or has criticized your ideas in a civil way.



Terminology

Resolutions:

Preambulatory Clause: The part of a resolution that describes previous actions taken on the topic and reasons why the resolution is necessary. It begins with a participle or adjective (i.e. noting, concerned, regretting, aware of, recalling, etc.).

Sponsor: One of the writers/presenters of a draft resolution. A friendly amendment can only be created if all sponsors agree.

Signatory: A delegate who did not write the paper, supports discussing a draft resolution, but doesn't necessarily fully support its content. A certain amount of signatories are required to have a paper presented in front of the Dias, which will be specified by the chair.

Operative Clause: The part of a resolution which describes how the UN will address a problem. It begins with an action verb (decides, establishes, recommends, etc.).

Bloc: A group of nations (or individuals) with similar opinions on an issue, often having regional or ideological ties. Usually write a resolution together.

SAMPLE PREAMBULATORY PHRASES

Affirming	Emphasizing	Noting further
Alarmed by	Expecting	Observing
Approving	Expressing its appreciation	Reaffirming
Bearing in mind	Expressing its satisfaction	Realizing
Believing	Fulfilling	Recalling
Confident	Fully alarmed	Recognizing
Contemplating	Fully aware	Referring
Convinced	Fully believing	Seeking
Declaring	Further deploring	Taking into consideration
Deeply concerned	Further recalling	Welcoming
Deeply Convinced	Guided by	
Deeply Disturbed	Having adopted	
Deeply Regretting	Having considered	
Desiring	Keeping in mind	



SAMPLE OPERATIVE PHRASES

Accepts	Emphasizes	Further reminds/requests
Affirms	Encourages	Notes
Approves	Endorses	Proclaims
Authorizes	Expresses its appreciation	Reaffirms
Calls	Expresses its hope	Recommends
Calls upon	Further invites	Regrets
Condemns	Deplores	Reminds
Confirms	Designates	Requests
Congratulates	Draws the attention	Strongly condemns
Considers	Emphasizes	Supports
Declares accordingly	Encourages	Takes note of
Deplores	Endorses	Transmits
Designates	Expresses its appreciation	Trusts
Draws the attention	Further invites	